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Republicans collect books for area kids



BUDDING BOOKWORM - Caylee Corlew cozies up with her mother, Lynnette Corlew, to enjoy a few good books. County Republicans would like this to be a scene repeated in every home through the efforts of their children's book drive.

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Following the lead from their State Convention, Crawford County Republicans are collecting new books for distribution to area kids to promote children's literacy and the love of reading.

Crawford County Board of Commissioners' Chairperson Lynnette Corlew is heading up the campaign to put new books in the hands of youth after receiving word that Michigan Republicans are being asked to donate books at the convention, February 5 and 6, in Lansing, to be distributed by the State Literacy Council.

"Crawford County Republicans want to be pro-active in our support of this community," Corlew said. "We spend a lot of time campaigning and fund-raising before elections. Now we want to do something for the citizens of our county."

One local business has helped by selling \$400 worth of toddler and pre-school age books to the county Republicans for only \$100, then offered to reduce the price of future book purchases for the program by ten percent.

Corlew said that local party members are being asked to bring a new book to each monthly meet-

ing, as well as a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center's food pantry. Each meeting averages about 30 members in attendance.

In the near future, the books will be distributed through the Help Center, placed in the emergency room of Grayling Mercy Hospital and with hospital chaplains, as well as in police and sheriff's deputies' squad cars.

"We should be part of the 'team' in Crawford County," said Corlew. "Books are an important part of a child's life and this drive should help fill a void."

Corlew is encouraging the public and area businesses to donate books to the drive. Books can be given to any Crawford County Republican Party member or at one of their meetings held every fourth Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Shoppenagon's Inn.

Businesses interested in being a Literacy Collection site or those wishing to donate new books should contact Corlew at 348-7607.

While used books have their value, a new book is very special to a child. Corlew said, "A child will take a brand new book and treasure it as their very own."

State Troopers help end trio's crime spree

Suspects may have committed armed robbery

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The investigation continues in connection with the case of several breaking and enterings in Crawford County and three men arrested after fleeing from police on stolen snowmobiles in Waters after a 2 a.m. incident at the Hilltop Restaurant on January 28.

Mark Allan Woodbury II, 25, of Grayling, Jan Dennis Grounds, 31, of Grayling, and K.C. Allan Vancise, 21, of Beaverton were arraigned in the Otsego County 87th District Court late last Thursday on charges of armed robbery and felony firearms in the Gaylord Shell Station masked armed robbery, breaking and entering, fleeing and eluding police, possession of stolen property and breaking and entering of an automobile.

While Michigan State Police troopers from the Gaylord Post chased the three men from the Hilltop Restaurant, one of the snowmobiles struck a squad car, disabling the sled and allowing them to apprehend one suspect.

A K-9 unit and the Otsego County Sheriff's snowmobile patrol was called to track the remaining two suspects through the snow to a home just north of the city of Grayling.

A search warrant was issued and Otsego County deputies gained entry to the residence when a woman answered the door. Deputies found the two suspects and discovered stolen VCR's and other electronic equipment, including a radio taken from a car at the Hilltop.

Gaylord Post Commander Lt. Russell Smith said that other items found in the residence leads him to believe the three men are connected to about a dozen recent breaking and enterings in the Grayling area, possibly solving crimes committed at the Cartwright and Danewell store and the Icehouse Quilt Shop.

Smith added that the suspects had been staying at the residence where they were found for a short time and all have permanent addresses south of the area.

The total value of the items recovered has not yet been released.

"We feel that we have been able to solve a string of recent crimes in Otsego and Crawford Counties with the arrest of these men," Smith said. "It was certainly a relief to apprehend these subjects. Any time you have a robbery that involves the use of a weapon, there is certainly the potential for danger, death or serious injury."

The woman at the Grayling home has not been charged thus far in the investigation.

City Police look to fill officer position

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The City of Grayling Police Department is currently accepting applications for a Law Enforcement Officer. The position opened up in January following the resignation of Officer Earls.

The department has five patrolmen and a police chief right now, making a total of six certified officers.

Police Chief Pete Stephan said that he has received about eight to 10 applications so far, and knows of at least five or six more that are on the way.

The position itself is for a full-time officer. Duties would include patrolling and enforcing state laws and city ordinances within the city limits and investigating criminal and civil complaints.

Stephan describes the job as a "high stress career," but said that

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Court project 'a success'

Further merger ordered by Michigan Supreme Court

Chief Judge Alton T. Davis, Chief Judge Pro-Tem John G. Hunter, District Division Trial Judge Patricia A. Morse and administrators Rudi Edel and Tom Haskel recently returned from a Lansing meeting with the State Court Administrator and his staff to review the court consolidation progress.

At the meeting, local court officials were advised that the project is a success.

Other court consolidation projects will likely be authorized in the state by the Michigan Supreme Court, allowing other courts to implement many of the innovations begun in the 46th Circuit Trial Court.

Two years ago, the Circuit, District and Probate/Juvenile Courts of Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties were merged into one consolidated trial court called the 46th Circuit Trial Court (Administrative order 1996-9).

Under this consolidation order from the Supreme Court, local court officials were to implement changes that would test various areas of consolidation in the court that could eventually be implemented throughout the state.

Under the project, all the judges

have jurisdiction to hear any trial court matter regardless of the trial in which they were elected or appointed. As a result, the local trial court needed fewer short-term assignments from the State Court Administrative Office.

Felony plea and sentences are now handled in the District Division, thus reducing the case life of many felony cases. Small claims cases were transferred to Family Division judges.

Magistrates were assigned to districts, reducing the number of weeks a magistrate was on-call for night and weekend work and increasing the pool of available magistrates to local law enforcement for after-hour search warrants, arrest warrants and bond hearings.

With the mergers of domestic cases with children from the Circuit Division and the juvenile cases from the Probate Court into a new Family Division, one judge is now assigned to handle all the issues affecting one family.

Having all related matters for one family come before the same judge reduced confusion and multiple court appearances; reduced attorney court appearance costs; avoided conflicts in such matters as custody

rulings that might be made in both domestic relations and juvenile proceedings; and permitted family access to needed services that might previously have been available in one court but not another.

Jury terms were reduced from 90 days to 15 calendar days throughout the unified trial court.

The Supreme Court purchased new AS/400 computer systems for the court. With all court programs now residing on one central system, electronic bridges were programmed that allowed for the transfer of data between court divisions, thus reducing some clerical work in data entry areas.

Special audio conferencing equipment was installed in the courtrooms allowing for some hearings to proceed with attorneys remaining at their offices. This change alone has resulted in expenditure savings in witness and travel costs that has exceeded the costs of installing the equipment. It has also enhanced the scheduling of cases before court.

Court administration was centralized under one chief judge and an administrative team. Expenses are

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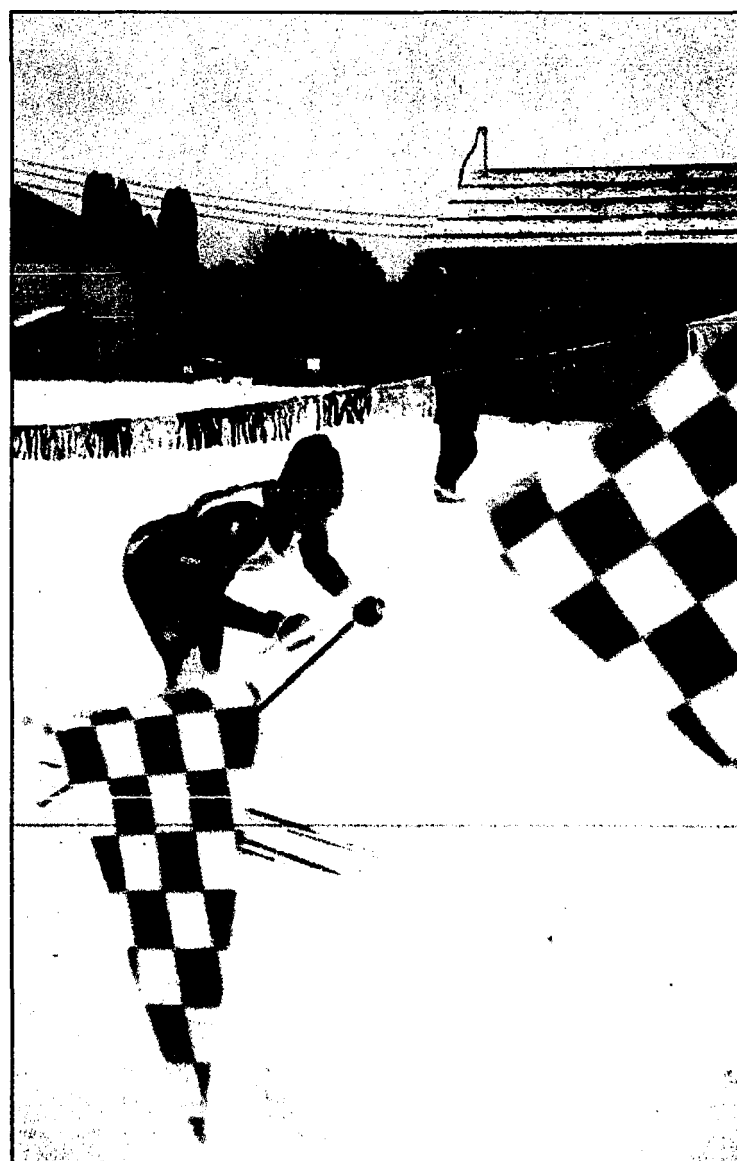


Photo by Cheryl Ruley

USSA JUNIOR QUALIFIER - Hanson Hills recreation area was the host for USSA Junior Qualifier cross country ski races, for ages 14-19, on January 30 and 31. Both Classic and Freestyle racing were featured. Overall race results can be found on Page 5B.

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AmeriCorps reflects CCC opportunities

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Back in the 1930's, during America's Great Depression, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) gave young men meaningful work when there was none to be found elsewhere.

Through the program a few dollars could be earned each day to allow the destitute and hungry to fill their stomachs and regain self-worth by fixing up buildings, planting trees, cutting firewood and clearing trails in park lands.

Today, AmeriCorps reflects upon the same values of hard work the CCC stood for, but also offers the incentives of college grant money, minimum wage pay with the possibility of raises, free room and board, uniforms and paid vacations.

Retired Methodist minister and a former "CCC Boy" himself, William Fraser of Grayling, has lobbied long and hard to keep the CCC philosophy and opportunities alive in Michigan by setting a goal of opening six Michigan Civilian Conservation Corps facilities within the next few years.

Fraser, 89, said Camp Vanderbilt in Vanderbilt is a place where local young people, ages 18-25, should go if they don't know what direction to take in their lives.

"Some kids don't know what they want to do and some won't go on to a four-year college program," said Fraser. "Camp Vanderbilt is a place to start. I don't know why more kids from Crawford County don't take advantage of the program."

AmeriCorps is open to young men and women of all economic and educational backgrounds in Michigan.

The Department of Natural Resources has opened another camp, this time in the Upper



Photo courtesy of Rev. William Fraser

CAMP FUNDS GRANTED - Reverend William Fraser of Grayling shakes the hand of Governor John Engler at the 1993 signing of legislation granting a \$20,000,000 endowment to the Michigan Civilian Conservation Corps, giving the go ahead to re-open old MCCC camps and build additional facilities to house AmeriCorps employees. Another local CCC activist is Arthur Kerle, pictured at the left front of the desk.

Peninsula town of L'Anse. It is called Camp Alberta and is now taking applications.

Camp Alberta is on the site of Henry Ford's old logging camp. MCCC employees and AmeriCorps members have refurbished and remodeled the old camp buildings and it is ready for duty.

Through the joint effort between the Michigan CCC and Michigan's AmeriCorps, corpsmembers "provide valuable service to all of us by improving Michigan's natural resources and

environment. In return they take pride in a job well done, have a chance to give back to the community and help themselves along the way to a good job and a better education.

Fraser stressed that the camps offers a good way to learn valuable skills to move on to a private sector job or to go on to college.

Those thinking about college can earn an AmeriCorps Education Award of \$4,725 for 1700 hours of service or \$2,362 for 900 hours of service at one of the camps.

Let there be no mistake about it, the work is hard. But, through learned teamwork and new job skills, corpsmembers will build and maintain trails, construct and remodel buildings, improve state parks, improve boating facilities and conserve natural resources.

Anyone interested in an application, interview or more information about Camp Alberta can call 1-906-524-5000 or write to MCCC Camp Alberta, Ford Forestry Center, US41 South, L'Anse, MI 49946.

Court project 'a success'

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shared or combined where practical.

Improved monitoring of receivables was instituted, resulting in a decrease in the net cost of the court system (Circuit-wide) of over \$127,500 in two years. With some combined job duties and reassignment of workloads, the court now has two fewer employees than it did before consolidation.

The National Center for State Courts, in Virginia, conducted interviews with focus groups throughout the counties. These

interviews indicated that the consolidation project made better use of judge time, that cases are being disposed more promptly, that the family division gives better service to children and families, that local Judicial Councils are an effective forum for decision-making, and that technology improvements have enhanced court operations.

To build on the efficiencies already realized through consolidation, beginning February 1, another local merger will take effect. Under Local Administrative Order 1998-04D, the Family, Probate and District Divisions in Crawford County will be further merged into one division.

As a result, Judge John G. Hunter will be assigned to handle the daily work of that merged division on a full-time basis. Judge Francis Walsh is being assigned to

the 83rd District Court in Roscommon County on a full-time basis to handle the skyrocketing workload in that county.

Under the original consolidation order from the Supreme Court, the court project was to end December, 1997. However, due to the success of the project, the Michigan Supreme Court has issued another order extending the consolidation projects "until further order from the Court."

Local court officials stated they believe that the consolidated project is institutionalized and will now continue indefinitely allowing the local court to build on the many successes already implemented throughout the unified trial court.

This report was submitted by Rudi Edel, Trial Court Administrator.

City Police look to fill officer position

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the right person it could also be a rewarding experience.

"I came in to the department in October of 1958, and took over as 'Chief' in 1972. You don't do it for that many years without finding that work to be satisfactory. I've found it to be very rewarding working for the city," said Stephan.

"It's the kind of work where you either become addicted to it or find it's not your cup of tea," he added. "It's not a profession you just stumble into. You have to have a desire and aptitude to fulfill the responsibilities."

Stephan said that when seeking to fill a position such as this he tries to keep the specific qualifications to a minimum.

In this instance, applicants must be at least 21 years of age and a U.S. citizen, possess a valid Michigan driver's license, "have no criminal record," possess a high school diploma, and have proof of certification. Prior experience in law enforcement and a law enforcement degree would be helpful, but are not prereq-

uisites for applicants. Another factor in the final decision, according to Stephan, is area of residence.

"Being a person born and raised in the area, I would like to pick someone from Grayling or at least northern Michigan, for longevity purposes," said Stephan.

Chief Stephan said that sometimes people from a large city have trouble fitting into a small department, and vice versa.

Stephan plans to accept applications until the middle of February, and depending on the qualifications of the applicants, bring in the new officer sometime in March, so the person would have time to get settled in before May and the busy summer season.

"The beginning of May, and especially Memorial Day weekend the summer season begins, and our workload really increases," said Stephan.

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Counseling service funding ends after center fails to meet new requirements

FIA director optimistic about contract with New Life Community Service

by Robert A. Reed
Capital News Service

LANSING — Troubled youth and families remain without counseling services as a tightening of state control keeps a local human services provider from reaching a contract with the Family Independence Agency (FIA).

Cindy Pushman, director of the FIA for Crawford and Otsego counties, said she is "optimistic" about efforts to solve the problems that kept New Life Community Service from signing a new contract for the *Strong Families/SAFE Children* program.

The *Strong Families/SAFE Children* program focused on prevention and counseling in areas including marriage counseling, substance abuse counseling, and general counseling for both adults and children.

New Life Director Jeff Hawkins said that about ten percent of his budget came from this program and the loss of income was "significant." He said his major concern is for the area residents who can't afford other counseling services.

"We saw kids who were having trouble in school, kids who were having trouble at home, and kids who were having problems with substance abuse." He adds that the program also helped adults with similar problems. Hawkins estimates that 10-12 clients had to be dropped when the money from the old contract ran out.

Former New Life clients were referred to Catholic Human Services (CHS). Chuck Vesser, director of CHS, said he's aware of only one former New Life client that his agency has seen. However, Vesser said other former New Life clients may have been treated without his agency knowing that they were previously New Life clients.

Hawkins said one of the differences between New Life and CHS

is that New Life is a full-time provider, while CHS is a part-time provider. "There are no other providers and that's the problem," Hawkins said. "We are the only full-time, private, licensed provider."

also set specific reimbursement rates.

Pushman said she believes this was done, in part, in an effort to increase financial accountability.

"We were signing checks, but we never actually saw the clients

imply that local FIA offices can set up a different procedure as long as it is established in writing.

Pushman has sought clarification on this subject from FIA officials in Lansing, but has yet to get an answer.

As the local FIA director, Pushman hopes to establish a new contract with New Life specifically for substance abuse counseling which doesn't fall under the "fair market rate" provisions and wouldn't require counselors to have a master's degree. However, Hawkins says the contract he's seen still requires all referrals to go through the FIA first.

On Monday, February 1, Pushman met with 105th House District Rep. Ken Bradstreet (R-Gaylord). Although the meeting was not about the current problem, the subject was discussed.

Bradstreet said that while he's not especially knowledgeable about this issue, he believes there has to be accountability.

"If someone wants to have a contract with the government, they had better be prepared to meet the requirements of that contract," he said.

Bradstreet said that while he has heard that this problem has left people without counseling service because there was no alternative to New Life, he remarked, "I'm not sure that that is exactly true."



Pushman said she hopes everything will work out to allow a new contract for some services to be signed by the end of the month. However, she added that any new contract would not become effective until 30 days after it was signed.

The problems were caused by changes in the requirements of the program. Hawkins said the program started four or five years ago as an attempt to give local communities more flexibility in determining how resources could best be used to help the community.

As part of that flexibility, Pushman said the contract for the program did not originally contain all of the restrictions usually found in contracts which fall under the "fair market rate" provisions of state contract policy.

However, when the contract with New Life expired at the beginning of the fiscal year in October, the standard "fair market rate" provisions were made part of the new contract. These include requirements that all referrals be made through the local FIA office, and that all counselors be licensed at the master's degree level or be in a master's program. The contract

because they weren't really our clients," she said. "I wasn't aware of any problems, but when you make rules it's because someone has been abusive somewhere."

Hawkins said that although he has problems with the reimbursement rate for services and with the master's degree requirement, the real sticking point is the requirement that all referrals go through the FIA office.

He said this would require extra paperwork and meetings with the FIA, which would just add "excessive" costs to his agency, without improving service.

Hawkins is also concerned that people who need counseling services would be more hesitant to seek help if they had to go through the FIA first because of how people perceive the FIA. "They're the government," he said. "They're the ones who take your kids away."

For many people, Pushman agrees, there is a stigma attached to the FIA and is working to establish an alternative referral system. A problem here is confusing and contradictory language in the contract. One paragraph says that all referrals must go through the FIA office, but a different paragraph seems to

State House Rejects Pay Raise

The State House has overwhelmingly approved a resolution rejecting a proposed legislative salary increase, said an area lawmaker who voted to turn down the pay raise.

State Rep. Ken Bradstreet said House Concurrent Resolution 1 rejects the raise recommended last fall by the State Officers Compensation Commission. The commission also suggested increases for top officials in the executive and judicial branches.

"I ran for this job knowing the salary level," said Bradstreet, R-

Gaylord. "People in northern Michigan think legislators are sufficiently paid and they are correct."

The freshman lawmaker praised House Republican leaders for allowing open debate on the resolution and bringing it to the House floor.

"The public deserves a thorough discussion on this issue," Bradstreet said. "Elected officials should be accountable regarding this important matter."

HCR 1 was introduced on the opening day of session. The resolu-

tion requires House and Senate approval, where a two-thirds vote is needed to kill the pay hike. Proposed raises automatically take effect unless both chambers specifically reject them by Feb. 1.

It's unsavory that the first thing happening after we get to Lansing is our pay raise," Bradstreet said. "Some argue that good people won't seek office at the current salary level. That argument lacks credibility as more than 500 candidates ran for Michigan House seats in the last election."

Head Start receives \$10.2 million federal grant

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has awarded a \$10.2 million grant to Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Inc., the agency which administers the Head Start program on most of the "sunrise side" of the state, Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Menominee said on January 29.

The grant allows the Alpena-based agency to continue to deliver Head Start to families in a 21-county area, the largest Head Start service agency in the nation. The service area includes Crawford County.

Head Start is a cultural and educational program to prepare children, ages three to five, for kindergarten. Families receiving assistance from Head Start are at or below the poverty line.

"Head Start is a valuable family service that encourages parental involvement in the development of

young children," Stupak said. "These funds are vital so that Head Start can better serve children in

Kirtland offers employability skills workshop series

Kirtland is offering a series of employability skills workshops through its Career and Employment Services office. Steve Oppy, Career and Employment Services Director, says the free workshops are provided primarily for Kirtland students and employees, but are now also open to the residents of the Kirtland district (Roscommon, Crawford, Ogemaw and Oscoda counties).

Topics covered include resume writing, career exploration, job search strategies, interview skills, and employment strategies.

All meetings will be held in the

northern Michigan communities."

The federal funding award requires a 20 percent local match.

Career and Employment Services Office in the Student Center building on campus.

The first workshop is set for Wednesday, February 17, and according to Oppy, space is limited; therefore he suggests individuals call as soon as possible to sign up for the workshops they plan to attend.

Residents are asked to please call the Career and Employment Services office at (517) 275-5121 ext. 450 to receive more information, or to register for the workshops.



FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

DIABETES? NO PROBLEM

Anyone with diabetes knows that a lot of medical care attention is focused on the feet. This is because the feet are so vulnerable to infection due to the killer duo of hampered circulation and a reduced blood supply. Since nerve damage often causes diminished feeling in the feet, a person with diabetes also can't rely on pain to signal when something is wrong. Still, the good news is that foot problems are NOT inevitable. A podiatrist can help set up a simple daily foot regimen that will both care for the feet and put in place an early warning system for detecting the smallest changes that could lead to serious trouble.

Self-care may not be the best option for diabetes when it comes to their

health, unless directed by a podiatrist. We see the results of what happens when foot problems are left untreated or are only self-treated. A better avenue of defense is to see a foot specialist. If your feet hurt and you don't have a podiatrist at this time, we would be happy to schedule an appointment for you at GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT & ANKLE CENTER, P.C., 1209 E. 8th Street, Traverse City. Please call 922-9100 & 800-968-7440. Offices in Traverse City, also Kalkaska Memorial Health Center Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings.

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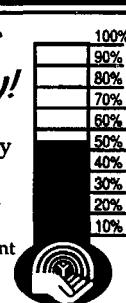
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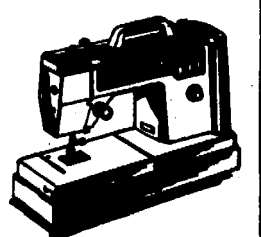
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by Richard Milliman

Who should run our local schools?

WHOEVER SAID politics makes strange bedfellows sure knew what he/she was talking about.

Today's smoldering debate about problems of local education in Michigan may be throwing strange public personages under the sheets together.

State takeover of troubled local school districts rapidly is becoming a landmark item in Republican Gov. John Engler's agenda for his third and final term as governor.

A couple of guys who never could be identified as philosophical soulmates of the conservative Governor seem to be early enlistees in the crusade.

Mayors Dennis Archer of Detroit and David Hollister of Lansing both come from more liberal political backgrounds than Mr. Engler, but all three appear on the verge of telling locally elected school boards either to shape up or stand aside.

Gov. Engler wants the power to turn over operation of a local school district to the mayor if a school district fails its students, and Democrats Archer and Hollister may be the first mayors to grasp the challenge.

It could happen.

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THE LEGISLATURE has the power to overturn Michigan's traditional system of locally elected school boards running local schools.

The Michigan Constitution declares: "The legislature shall maintain and support a system of free public elementary and secondary schools as provided by law."

Details are left up to elected legislators; the only restriction is local schools must provide ser-

vise "without discrimination as to religion, creed, race, color or national origin."

The voluminous state school code provides all the details, including -- according to many local educators -- far too many requirements and restrictions.

To permit mayors to fire elected officials, place their own board in charge, hire top personnel -- those all could be accomplished by changes in state law.

Whether the system should be changed is quite another question.

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PRACTICAL PROBLEMS arise. For example:

-- Many city boundaries are not the same as a school district's; should a mayor have control over taxpayers and students from a neighboring village or township?

-- Many city administrations are no bargain either, as witness snow removal problems in Detroit; how can mayors run schools if they can't even run cities?

-- Many local school problems grow out of labor contracts and federal and state regulations which tie local administrator's hands and hinder instruction; will mayors help that?

-- What about recalcitrant voters who turn down necessary millages; will mayors order higher taxes?

Then there's the philosophical side:

Traditional conservatism favors local government as close to the people as possible -- in the neighborhood, not in Lansing or Washington.

Traditional liberalism favors popularly elected officials at all levels, including school boards,

rather than taking decisions out of the hands of voters.

The proposed pragmatism knocks those philosophical points into the proverbial cocked hat.

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WHEN IS the right time, what are the right circumstances, what is the ultimate justification for taking control of schools away from parents -- that is, local voters?

Apparently the answer is when it suits those in power.

Michigan's system of overlapping boundary lines, elected boards, local control is not the only way to run schools.

In some states, the city and the school district are the same area, with the city in complete charge.

In some, the county is the school district, but with separate controls.

In some states, the local superintendent is elected.

Perhaps the Engler authoritarian approach of centralized control could help in downtrodden local districts -- but the most important objective must be the welfare of the student.

The Michigan Constitution directs:

"Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged."

That's a tremendous mission statement for all of us.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Junior Miss candidates are some of the best

To the editor,

If you want to see some of the best of Grayling's youth, go to the Junior Miss Scholarship Program on Saturday, February 6.

As a member of the American Business Women's Association I was fortunate enough to be one of the "mock judges" for the program. This was an opportunity for the contestants to get a feel for being judged by an panel, similar to the real one they will face the day of the program.

As a group these young ladies were a joy. Their poise, presentation, and thoughtful answers showed wisdom far, beyond their years. I thought to myself that I probably could never have done as well when I was a junior in high school.

Each candidate was given a video

tape of her interview for study and critique. Jodi Potter and Sue Ritter did the taping, and Pat Kangas was the judges' coordinator who supplied us with packets for each girl that covered her background, interests, and hopes for the future.

Program Director Sandra Moore has done a great job in coordinating all these efforts to make the program meaningful to each young woman.

Crawford County can be very proud of its young people if these young women are an example.

The judges will find, as Sandra Moore states, "We're not looking for a winner from a group of representatives... We're looking for a representative from a group of winners."

It couldn't be truer!

Betty Bennett
Grayling

Foul-mouthed canoeist raises ethical issue

To the editor,

I have watched with interest the scene unfolding in the case of the "cussing canoeist" on the Rifle River. Assuredly, this case represents a bigger problem than simply this individual's reprehensible behavior. More than a legal problem, an ethical issue is at the core of such people's actions.

Too many citizens feel they have the right to assault our natural areas with a "party" atmosphere, using alcohol in excess, disrupting natural serenity with loud demonstrative behavior, trespassing private property, littering, exposing themselves, shouting out obscenities and generally acting in an insensitive manner.

It seems that these people truly lack any conscience about how their behavior effects others not to mention the environment.

In my area, there has developed a cooperative effort of the groups that represent river users. The canoe livers have voluntarily limited alcohol use of their clients and have attempted to educate them regarding proper behavior on the rivers.

A joint effort by these canoe livers, property owners, anglers and businesses resulted in The River User's Code of Conduct. This resolution has been passed by the State House of Representatives and is currently posted on both the Manistee and AuSable river sys-

tems. It reads as follows:

SHOW RESPECT FOR ALL RIVER USERS

Share river resources

BE A SOBER RIVER USER

Operating a water craft "under the influence" is against the law

LEAVE NATURE AS YOU FIND IT

Take only memories, leave nothing behind.

STOP ONLY AT DESIGNATED PUBLIC LANDINGS

Camp only at designated areas.

Use available sanitary facilities.

Most users of our natural areas do so appropriately. A small number, like the "cussing canoeist," lack common civility. People like him show little respect for anyone else and represent the erosion of property in our society.

I am hopeful that the court will decide to make an example of this case so that responsible citizens can enjoy nature without the assault from irresponsible and juvenile individuals.

James E. Powers
President, The Upper Manistee River Association
President, George Mason Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Chair Emeritus, Grayling Chamber of Commerce, River Users Roundtable Committee

WASHINGTON UPDATE

By U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham (R-MI)

Agenda for Michigan

Now that Congress has begun a new legislative session, I look forward to fighting for legislation that will help Michigan families, small businesses and communities.

Last year Michigan scored some real victories in Washington, protecting the "Made in U.S.A." label and gaining a 62 percent increase in highway funds without sending a nickel more to Washington in gas taxes.

During this year and the next, I will push an agenda I believe reflects Michigan values and priorities.

First, I will work to help one million couples seeking every year to adopt a child. My Adoption Awareness Promotion Act authorizes \$25 million for a campaign, including print, radio, billboard and TV advertisements encouraging women facing unplanned pregnancies to consider the adoption option.

I also will work to secure full funding for the education program called for in my Child Passenger

Protection Act. Car and truck crashes are the leading cause of accidental death among children, but between 70 and 90 percent of child safety seats continue to be improperly installed or otherwise misused. We need effective programs to teach parents how to protect their kids.

All of us need better protection against drug pushers. That is why I introduced legislation to impose tougher prison sentences on powder cocaine dealers, bringing them more in line with current, stiff sentences for crack dealers.

One hopeful sign in the war on drugs has been the tremendous success rates of faith-based treatment programs like Michigan's Mel Trotter Ministry. The Faith-Based Drug Treatment Enhancement Act, which I am co-sponsoring, will allow these organizations to accept federal funds without sacrificing their religious character.

I will also work to protect families from scam artists demanding

fees for information on college scholarships. This form of fraud is not punished often or effectively enough under current law. I will work with the Federal Trade Commission to better protect parents and their college-bound kids.

Families face many trials as they work for a better life. One way Washington can help is by lowering its sky-high tax rates. Currently, federal taxes siphon off 21 percent of national income, the highest rate since World War II. I will work for a ten percent income tax cut for every American, across the board.

Washington also puts a heavy burden on job-creating small businesses. My Mandates Information Act would apply a point of order to legislation forcing job creators to spend over \$100 million; this will make Congress stop and think before it mandates. To protect small businesses from frivolous lawsuits, I have also introduced legislation to limit profit-seeking lawsuits and see to it that job creators are held liable

only for injuries they actually cause.

Unfortunately, Congress currently has no power over the Corporate Average Fuel Economy or CAFE standards that lessen passenger safety and threaten to outlaw most trucks. By forcing major design changes and increasing production costs, CAFE standards also threaten thousands of Michigan jobs. I have introduced legislation to take these rules out of the hands of bureaucrats and force Congress to take responsibility for them.

Finally, as we look forward to the next millennium, Congress must do more to protect the electronic commerce that has done so much for our economic growth. I have introduced legislation that would better secure electronic transactions by setting up a federal framework for electronic signatures and establish better on-line consumer protections.

Taken together, I believe these initiatives will make Michigan an even better, safer, more prosperous place in which to raise families.

Funds needed for national World War II memorial

To the editor,

Many citizens of the United States are not aware there is no national memorial that pays proper homage and tribute to those men and women of the 1940's whose dedication, sacrifices and contributions saved the world by winning World War II, the

largest war of all time and the most defining period of the twentieth century.

This memorial is long overdue and the nearly three million members of The American Legion have mounted a nationwide grass-roots campaign to correct this oversight.

Members in every local Legion Post in thousands of communities throughout the country are helping to raise the funds to make this memorial a reality.

The American Legion campaign started on Veterans Day 1998 and runs through Veterans Day 1999, and is not limited to donations from just members of the organization. Every person living today owes that generation a debt of gratitude that can never be fully paid, for their conviction, their common bond, and their high moral purpose during this period of history, both overseas and on the home front. What they did demands that Americans, now and in the future, remember.

This memorial will be the first national memorial acknowledging the commitment and achievement of the entire nation, and everyone can make a contribution to its construction. The donations will be a down payment of gratitude to the no-excuses generation that pulled freedom from the jaws of tyranny and preserved the values that make America great.

Public Law 103-32 on May 25, 1993, authorizes the American Battle

Monuments Commission (ABMC) to establish the World War II Memorial in our nation's capital. It will be located in a place of honor in the National Mall, east of the Reflecting Pool between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument.

Co-chairs of the national fundraising campaign are former U.S. Senator Bob Dole, and Federal Express CEO Frederick W. Smith; both are veterans and are dedicated to this worthy project. They are asking for everyone's help: Schools, businesses, and private citizens can make individual or collective donations by sending a contribution.

The American Legion is one of the torchbearers, helping the ABMC collect donations which can be made to any local Legion post or sent to: The American Legion, P.O. Box 781138, Indianapolis, IN 46278-8138. For more information, visit the WWII Memorial Website (www.wwiimemorial.com).

American Legion National Headquarters
Indianapolis, Indiana

Heart of a great community beats loud and strong

To the editor

The afternoon of Thursday, December 31, 1998 several hundred travelers saw a tragic end to their year as unfortunate participants in a 125-car pileup on the expressway in our community.

Through God's saving grace, there was only one fatality, but hundreds were left literally stranded out in the cold.

Many of those victims would undoubtedly have sustained injuries through exposure to the weather had it not been for the dedication, professionalism and voluntarism of local residents.

Each day I am easily reminded why I live in Crawford County, but that day I was especially proud.

The local emergency authorities, 911, police, ambulance, fire department, were on the scene to take charge within minutes. They worked tirelessly for many hours until the people were cared for and

the highway was cleaned of debris by local towing companies.

The Frederic school and township hall were opened to provide shelter and the people were shuttled to them by Dial-A-Ride busses. Hundreds of volunteer citizens and businesses brought blankets and food.

That day was a benchmark in Crawford County history. It was a day in which our community reaffirmed its position as a caring and wonderful place to live. It showed that ours is a community of tremendous character and heart.

On behalf of the members of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, I would like to express our pride and our gratitude in a job well done to all who gave of themselves for others on that fateful day.

Lynette S. Corlew, Chairman
Crawford County Board of Commissioners

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BRIEFS

Poetry night switches to Saturdays

Poetry night will now be held on the first Saturday each month, starting February 6, at Friends & Co. Coffee Shop on Michigan Avenue in Grayling. This Saturday at 7 p.m., Peter Marcus, author of *Still Lives With a Whiskey Bottle*, will be the guest reader. An open reading session will follow for those who would like to share their favorites. For more information, please call the coffee shop at 348-1041.

Youth essay winners to be recognized

On Tuesday, February 9, presentation of certificates and bonds to the Youth Essay Program winners will begin with dinner at 6 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. For more information, please call Marie Scott at 348-2272 after 4 p.m.

Grayling Garden Club to meet

The Grayling Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, February 4 and go on a greenhouse tour Saturday, February 6. Meet at AuSable Construction on Industrial Drive at 9:45 a.m. to car pool. For more information, please call Barb at 348-1132.

Garden club to make stepping stones

Marion Graves of St. Helen will show the Kirtland Garden Club members how to make stepping stones for their gardens or use them as great gift ideas. Her program on the "History of Mosaics" will be presented on Monday, February 15, at 1 p.m., at the Roscommon Congregational Church. Call Debbie at (517) 821-6244 for more information or if you plan to join the group for this program.

Beaver Creek Picnic committee to meet

The Beaver Creek Township Picnic Committee will meet Tuesday, February 9, at 7 p.m., at the Township Hall, 8994 S. Oak Road, Grayling. Those interested in serving on a committee or helping the day of the picnic, are welcome to attend. Those unable to attend may contact Supervisor Lee Riley at the Township office at (517) 275-8878 during regular business hours or (517) 275-9913 evenings. The Township is looking forward to an even bigger and better picnic this year, on August 21.

Homeschool support group available

The Christian Homeschoolers Educating for Excellence and Righteousness (C.H.E.E.R.) homeschool support group will meet Tuesday, February 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Education Building at Elm and Fifth Street in Gaylord. Doug Halgren, a psychologist from the Intermediate School District will be speaking on Learning Disabilities. For more information, please call Kathy Kost at (517) 732-3698 after 3 p.m.

Valentine cookies and raffle for Habitat

The Habitat for Humanity Valentine Cookie Walk will be held on Friday, February 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at B.C. Pizza on Michigan Avenue in Grayling. Treat your loved ones to some home-baked cookies and help Crawford County Habitat for Humanity. Also, a raffle will be held. Prize is a \$25 gift certificate from Flowers by Josie and a romantic night at River Country Motor Lodge.

HeadWaters group schedules meeting

The HeadWaters Land Conservancy will hold their next regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 11 at 7 p.m., at the Mio Courthouse Annex, one block southeast of the blinker light at M-72 and M-33, in Mio. The public is always welcome. For further information, please call (517) 826-5714.

Starting seeds discussed by gardeners

Now is the time to be thinking of your garden. Join the Master Gardeners Society (MGS) for their next meeting when Advanced Master Gardener Bev Wickert will help us with "Starting Seeds." The meeting will be held at the Lyon Township Hall, in Higgins Lake, on Monday, February 8, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For additional information, call the President of MGS at (517) 275-5832.

CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

Federal and Michigan tax forms are now available at the Crawford County Library.

The free forms and booklets are on the shelves in the front entrance of the library. For forms not on the shelves, ask at the desk. The library has reproducible forms to make copies of or copy forms from a CD ROM or off the Internet.

The Winter Book Sale will be held on Thursday and Friday, February 4 and 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on the lower level of the library in the Children's Room.

Prices are 25 cents for hardcover, ten cents for paperbacks and \$1 for new books.

Proceeds from the sale will go to the Friends of the Crawford County

V.F.W. to distribute food; certification necessary

Submitted by Marie J. Scott
V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary

Veterans of Foreign Wars (V.F.W.) Carl W. Borchers Post and Auxiliary 3736 will be distributing surplus food commodities on Tuesday, February 9 at the Eagles Hall, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you are not certified you will need to do so before receiving any commodities. You will need to bring proof of income of all members in the household that is being certified, as well as identification of the head of household.

If you receive Food Stamps, AFDC, SSI, Medicaid or General Assistance, you are eligible for this program.

Any resident of Crawford County that feels they might qualify will have to bring proof of gross income (gross income refers to total cash receipts before taxes) for every working person in the household. A "household" is a single individual or group of related or non-related individuals, an immediate family or extended family who are living as one economic unit and for whom food is customarily purchased and prepared in common.

Also, bring personal identification for the head of the household. Drivers license is preferable. If

your income is a direct deposit, bring in your bank statement. If you have no income you must bring in a statement from Social Services to that effect or bring your eligibility card from any of the above mentioned programs.

Eligibility is based on (1) wages and salaries before any deductions; (2) receipts from non-farm and farm self-employment; (3) regular payments from social security, railroad retirement, unemployment compensation, strike benefits, veterans' benefits, public assistance including supplemental security income (SSI), training stipends, alimony, private pensions, government employee pensions, and regular insurance or annuity payments and (4) income from dividends, interest, rent, royalties, or periodic receipts from estates or trusts.

Exempt incomes are capital gains, tax refunds, student loans, medicare premium deducted from social security and child support.

Food products and funding are made available to the states on the basis of the number of persons unemployed and those below the poverty level.

Please do not call the Eagles for information on this program - Call Lou Ann Crosby at 348-8186.

Volunteers make Farm go

The fields and meadows are covered with Mother Nature's white blanket, the blacksmith shop and sawmill are quiet and still; the solitude of the trails is broken only occasionally by a cross country skier.

To the public, Wellington Farm Park is "Closed for the Season," but in the park there is plenty of activity. In the office across Military Road, staff members and volunteers are busy planning for the coming season, developing programs and planning activities for the visitors to enjoy.

There is no argument to the statement that "Volunteers make Wellington Farm Park go." Last season over 60 volunteers contributed over 3,500 hours of time to the Living History Museum, doing everything from driving tractors to cultivating corn and bailing hay, to typing and filing in the office; from clerking in the Visitors Center, to guiding on the interpretive trails.

Wellington Farm Park is looking forward to the 1999 season with great excitement. The new Leon Johnston Pavilion will be finished and available for use, a new interpretive trail will be placed into the

existing system, and hopefully, the Summer Kitchen will go into operation early in the season. This means that there will be much more for visitors to see and do at the park, but it also means that more volunteers will be needed to man these new facilities.

Wellington Farm Park is now taking applications for volunteers for the 1999 season. More information about the Wellington Farm Park Volunteer Program can be obtained by calling the park at 348-5187.

Correction

The "Crawford County" *Avalanche* mistakenly printed a Mortgage Foreclosure Sale for Timothy J. Minnick and Dorothy L. Harris, in the January 21, 1999 Legal Action section. The Crawford County *Avalanche* apologizes for any problems this may have caused.



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THURS 4	•TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. For more information call Joanne 348-4416. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ Grayling City Hall, 8pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •BEYOND THE GARDEN WALL CLUB meeting at Michelson Memorial Church, 7 pm. For more info, call 348-7905. •AUSABLE VALLEY SNOWMOBILE Association meeting @ Grayling Holiday Inn, 7 pm. •MERCY AMICARE HOSPICE SERVICES Bereavement support group at St. Mary's Learning Center, 702 Peninsular 3-5 p. For more information call Mary Beth Dettling, 1-800-424-1457.
FRI 5	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
SAT 6	• WINTER WOLF FESTIVAL! Starts Friday the 5th through Sunday the 7th.
SUN 7	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON 8	•KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Sheppenson's Inn, 12 noon. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm @ Frederic Township Hall. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •WELCAME WAGON NEWCOMERS meeting 6 pm. Call Betty Mansfield or Rose Smith 348-5598 for more info.
TUES 9	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 8 pm. •GPA MEETING @ Spike's at 12 noon. •CRAWFORD COUNTY RESOURCE COUNCIL meeting @ Mercy Hospital private dining room, 12 noon. •AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY meeting @ Citizens Bank, 1 pm.
WED 10	•ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in, 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •EAGLES FISH FRY Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17th, 1999 from 4 pm to 8 pm. All you can eat. ?'s ask Mary.

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The Bible Speaks

God judges evil

Over 50 times in the Bible we find the phrase, "did evil in the sight of the Lord" as a basis for divine judgment. God judges both leaders and nations for doing evil in His sight. In Numbers 32:13, God killed a generation "that had done evil in the sight of the LORD." God judged a nation for doing, "evil in the sight of the Lord" in practicing idolatry. (Judges 2:11). Doing evil in the sight of the Lord brought national slavery in Judges 6:1. "And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years." (Judges 13:1) "And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years."

Even good king David did evil in God's sight by committing adultery with Bath-sheba then having her husband killed as a cover-up thereby coming under judgment from God (2 Samuel 21:9) "Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and has slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon." David's sex sin

and cover-up resulted in many of his children being destroyed because of his sins. (2 Samuel 12:10) "Now therefore the sword shall never depart thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife."

In the last days of Israel's independence as a nation, evil was declared to be good and not worthy of judgment even in the sight of their God. Therefore God condemned their moral perversion in Malachi 2:17: "Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, Where is the God of judgment?"

How close is America to God's judgment for doing evil and calling it good? The Detroit News recently reported a case where The Nebraska Supreme Court overturned the sentence of a lower court because the judge quoted a Bible passage disparaging homosexuality as he sentenced a 25-year-old man for sexually assaulting a 13 year-old boy with whom he'd been involved for some time. The Nebraska Supreme Court agreed with the defendant that the judge had shown bias

against the man and his sexual orientation. The U.S. Supreme Court rejected an appeal from the prosecution thereby allowing the court decision to stand.

American justice implied that one is more dangerous to society who quotes God's Words judging sodomy, than the child abuse of sodomy by a homosexual pedophile! How long can a Holy God tolerate such perverted American morality and justice? (Proverbs 17:15) "He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the LORD." (Psalms 9:17) "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." America will either turn or burn!

Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Hearthland/Ranch/1263/>

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Student concerto soloists perform in benefit concert

One of the most popular concerts of the year takes place when Interlochen Arts Academy Orchestra spotlights four student concerto soloists at 8 p.m., Saturday, February 13, in Corson Auditorium, giving a benefit performance for the Friends of the Interlochen Public Library.

The student musicians performing at the concert were chosen from over 50 contestants in the annual competition at the renowned fine arts boarding school.

The concerto soloists are: Jonathan Lombardo, trombone major; I-chun Chen, piano major; Hsin-Ni Liu, piano major; and DaXun Zhang, double bass major.

Proceeds from the concert will be used by the Friends of the Library members to purchase needed children's books, video and audio books, and research materials.

Tickets for the concert are \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors and students 18 and under. For tickets or more information, call the Interlochen Public Library at (616) 276-6767.

Also at Interlochen this week: The Interlochen Composer's

Forum will take place at 8 p.m., Friday, February 12 in the Michael P. Dendrinos Chapel.

Author Jonis Agee will give a reading at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, February 11 in the Chapel.

A student art exhibit opens at 7 p.m. Saturday, February 13 in the Gallery. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

All three of these events are free to the public.

Grief recovery series

Hospice of Michigan in Gaylord will sponsor a five-week grief recovery series to assist those who have experienced the death of a loved one.

The Sessions will be held in the Hospice of Michigan Conference Room, located at 810 South Otsego Avenue, Suite 111, Gaylord.

Afternoon sessions will be held every Wednesday, from February 17 through March 17, from 1 p.m.


Evening sessions will be held every Monday, from February 15 through March 15, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Session facilitators will be Bernie Amborski, Peggy Richards and Dick Beachnau.

Please call (517) 732-2151 or 1-800-449-5560 for further information, to register (not required) or if transportation to the sessions is needed.

Church Directory

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A refuge is waiting for us amidst the winds of instability that rush through our world. There we may gather to encourage one another in the warmth of God's love...to nourish our souls with the manna of sacred meditation. In 2 Corinthians 3:5 Paul proclaims, "Our sufficiency is from God."

God has provided His house as our fortress...our defense amidst danger. Paul again assures us in Romans 8:38-39, "For I am sure that neither death...nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Corinthians 12:2-3	1 John 3:1-10	1 John 3:1-24	1 John 1:21	1 John 5:1-5	2 John	3 John

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Robert Henley M-72 West - Office 348-5850 Sunday Holy Eucharist : 8:30 & 10:30 am Morning Praise 10:30 am (the second Sunday of each month) Adult & Children's Sunday School: 9:30 am Sunday nursery provided 10:30 am by Licensed Daycare Professional Adult Choir Practice (Wednesday) : 6:45 pm</p> <p>St. Martins Ev. Lutheran (Wels) Herbert R. Filter - Pastor For information call 275-5443 Services held at the Roscommon Community Center, Sunday mornings at 9 am, 510 South St., Roscommon, MI.</p> <p>Luzerne Baptist Pastor James Durfee 2247 Durfee Lane Sunday School 10 am Sunday Morning Worship 11 am Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm</p> <p>Unity of Gaylord Rex Franklin, Minister Otsego Twp. Hall, Waters • (517) 786-3913 Sunday Services 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am</p> <p>Lake Margrethe Full Gospel Church Grayling I-75 Business Loop (517) 348-3335 • (517) 348-2938 Pastor James Kerr Sunday 10:30 a.m.</p>
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Short-term health coverage available in Michigan

Fortis Health, which specializes in health insurance for small businesses and individuals, announced that it will resume selling its short term medical plan in Michigan.

On January 4, Governor John Engler signed Michigan Senate Bill 1007, which among other things, exempts short-term medical insurance plans from laws requiring that individual insurance plans be guaranteed renewable.

Short-term medical insurance plans, designed to fill temporary gaps in health coverage, have not

been available in Michigan since October, 1997. At that time, Michigan adopted a Patient Bill of Rights which restricted pre-existing condition limitations and required all plans to be guaranteed renewable.

By their very nature, short-term medical plans are usually more affordable because they are designed to provide medical insurance for only short periods of time.

"We're excited that we can make this product available to Michigan customers again," said Dean Nolde,

Vice President, Specialty Products for Fortis Health.

Nolde continued, "Short-term medical insurance fills a real need for consumers who are between jobs, waiting for employer group coverage, laid-off, working in temporary employment, and in other situations."

"For example," he said, "short-term medical insurance is often used to cover college students who may lose benefits under parent's health plan when they graduate. Many

graduates use the policies to fill the gap between college and the start of a full-time job with benefits."

Fortis Health's Short-Term Medical plan in Michigan covers individuals for periods of 30 to 185 days.

Consumers who need additional information on the product may contact their local insurance agent, or call Fortis Health at 1-800-211-8121. Information can also be obtained at www.stm.us.fortis.com at the Fortis web site.

KCC names public safety officer

A former Oscoda County commissioner and marine officer recently joined the Department of Public Safety at Kirtland Community College.

Max Garnett is the college's new public safety officer. He replaces Jon Mueller, who resigned in November to take a full-time position with the Richfield Township Police in St. Helen.

December 1998, Garnett completed a two-year term on the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners. He was deputy with the Oscoda County Sheriff Department for seven years, overseeing a grant-funded marine patrol operation and filling in as occasional road patrol, prisoner transport and court officer. Beginning last May, he worked concurrently as a part-time officer with the Rose City Police Department.

Garnett said previous experience as a campus police officer, first at Oakland Community College and then at Delta College, prompted

him to seek the position at Kirtland. He said he enjoyed the people at the colleges, as well as the "service-oriented policing or community policing concept" that prevailed.

Garnett said he plans to approach his new job with the same concept. He sees his role as advocate, rather than adversary, in what he describes as the "small-town atmosphere" of the KCC campus.

"I'm having a really good time," he said. "I'm enjoying it immensely."

Garnett served in the U.S. Army National Guard for more than 20 years, retiring in September 1996 as a captain. His wife, Judi, a teacher at Surline Middle School in West Branch, is also active in the National Guard, as is son Mario, 18, a senior at Mio High School. Son Matthew, 12, also attends Mio School.

In his spare time, Garnett enjoys leather work and firearms competition.

Northern Red Cross chapter names new Executive Director



Dolores Weis

The American Red Cross of Northern Lower Michigan announced the addition of Dolores Weis as the Executive Director of the Chapter as of January 4.

Weis comes to the Chapter with extensive experience in the management of non-profit organizations, having worked for the United Way of Southeastern Michigan, Lutheran Social Services of Michigan and International Rescue Services.

She has been in charge of varying aspects of complex relief programs in non-governmental disaster relief agencies working in Africa and Eastern Europe. She is a graduate of Hillman High School in Hillman.

Plans for the Northern Michigan chapter of American Red Cross include expanding services to reach rural areas, increasing the volunteer base and developing a viable organization for the future.

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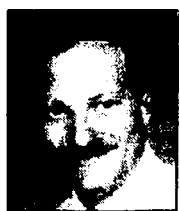
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Help fight child abuse on tax form

Secretary of State Candice S. Miller announced on February 1 that, with last year's contributors to the Children's Trust Fund (CTF) check-off up almost 24 percent, her department is proud to join forces with CTF for a second year to encourage even greater taxpayer participation in preventing child abuse.

In 1998, contributions to the check-off campaign totaled more than \$805,000, or about \$155,000 more than in 1997.

"The Secretary of State's office is proud to participate once again in promoting the CTF check-off campaign because no child should live in fear of abuse," said Miller. "While I am extremely encouraged with the increases in donations and contributors, there is still much room for improvement."

Last year, 61,678 taxpayers par-

ticipated in the campaign, which represents an eight percent increase in the number of contributors from the previous year. While the increase is important, it still represents less than three percent of all taxpayers filing with the state.

Secretary Miller added that over the next several weeks hundreds of thousands of customers will be visiting branch offices and it is her hope that the campaign will remind them to contribute when they prepare their state tax returns.

"In Michigan, a child is reported as abused or neglected every four minutes. In the face of such a tragic statistic, it is imperative that we do what we can to inform taxpayers and encourage them to respond," Secretary Miller said.

Deborah Strong, CTF executive director, said that the average

check-off contribution increased from about \$11 in 1997 to about \$13 in 1998.

"People are beginning to understand the need for prevention programming and support services and are willing to help support those efforts," Strong said.

As part of the campaign, Secretary of State branch offices will display promotional posters about the CTF and make brochures about the Trust Fund available to customers through April 15.

The Children's Trust Fund check-off appears on the Michigan Income Tax form. Taxpayers can mark the check-off for the CTF, which will contribute \$10 to the Trust Fund. Taxpayers can also designate the specific size of their contribution. The donation is a tax-deductible item on next year's income tax form.

In addition to the annual CTF tax form check-off, residents wishing to contribute may send a check or money order directly to CTF at P.O. Box 30037, Lansing, MI 48909. Residents also are encouraged to participate in CTF's local fund-raising activities. For more information, call CTF at (517) 373-4320.

CTF uses the money donated through the Trust Fund check-off to provide funding to 69 local child abuse and neglect councils across Michigan, and to provide funding for prevention programs in the donor's own community.

Created by Michigan State Legislature in 1982, the Children's Trust Fund provides permanent funding for services that have reached more than 2.7 million children and 600,000 families across the state.

Donate your old vehicle as a tax deduction

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan (NKFM) has a great way to help you keep that New Year's resolution to lose weight. With the Kidney Cars Program you can lose 2,000 pounds or more by ridding yourself of your unwanted vehicle.

Not only will you lose that unwanted weight, you may be eligible for a tax deduction. Participating in the Kidney Cars Program is easy... call 1-800-482-1455, fill out the paperwork and your car will be towed from anywhere for free.

The NKFM accepts unwanted vehicles on a year-round basis. They can be running or non-running cars, trucks, motorcycles or vans.

The proceeds from the Kidney Car Program fund programs and services of the NKFM, which include patient services, education and research.

More than 700,000 people in Michigan have kidney and urinary tract disease. Thousands of others are at risk. The NKFM helps more people prevent, treat and cure kidney and urinary tract disease than any other voluntary health agency.

IRS offers free tax help

"This year taxpayers have more options than ever before to get the help and information they need," said Internal Revenue Service (IRS) District Director Arlene Kay.

"We have expanded the hours for our toll-free telephone assistance," she said. "Assistors are available 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week, to answer questions. The number is 1-800-829-1040."

"We have also expanded our walk-in assistance. The IRS offices in Detroit, Flint, Saginaw, Grand Rapids and Marquette offer walk-in taxpayer assistance from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Our Traverse City office is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., also," Kay said.

"In addition, the offices in Detroit, Saginaw, Flint and Grand Rapids will be open Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through April 12.

"Taxpayers with personal computers have several ways to get forms and publications," she said. "Internet users can download them from our World Wide Web page at www.irs.ustreas.gov.

"The 1998 Federal Tax Forms CD-ROM also contains more than 2,500 tax products including forms, instructions and tax information," said Kay. "The two-issue subscription is available through the IRS Web page and the Government Printing Office's Superintendent of Documents."

"Taxpayers can also call a toll-free number 24-hours-a-day to have forms and publications mailed directly to them. That number is 1-800-829-3676. We also have a service that offers 100 of the most commonly used forms via fax machine, seven-days-a-week, 24-hours-a-day," she said. "Use the voice unit of the fax machine to dial the service at (703) 368-9694. The only cost to the taxpayer is the cost of the call," Kay noted.

"IRS is committed to providing Michigan taxpayers with quality assistance and service," Kay added.

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Consumers addresses Y2K problem

Consumers Energy has an aggressive program in place with the goal of ensuring that its electric generation, transmission and distribution systems, natural gas delivery system and customer service operations will function with minimal disruption through the year 2000 date change. The cost of the company's Year 2000 (Y2K) program is expected to total \$22 million.

The four-part program began in 1995 with an analysis of all technologies essential to core business operations that might be affected by the date change.

The second part, remediation and testing, has been under way for several years and will be completed by this summer.

Two additional parts to the program will continue through 1999: a review of documentation to assure compliance and, where necessary, additional verification testing of essential technology;

monitoring to ensure that no new Y2K problems are introduced to previously tested systems and contingency planning to address risks

that could arise from the date change.

Consumers Energy has expanded its existing emergency preparedness plans for electric and gas operations to address potential Y2K challenges.

As part of the plans, increased numbers of employees will be on duty at power plants, transmission and distribution facilities and elsewhere throughout the state during critical time periods to ensure prompt response to any anomalies that may occur. Some systems will be operated manually during the calendar change.

The utility is working closely with the federal government, national electric and gas industry associations, together Michigan utilities and state governmental agencies to address external factors which could affect energy delivery.

On January 11, the North American Electric Reliability Council reported its finding that critical Y2K rollover dates are expected to have minimal impact on electric system operations in North

America.

The electric utility industry will conduct two coordinated drills in April and September to test the industry's ability to operate under Y2K conditions.

The American Gas Association has reported that the natural gas industry is generally confident about its ability to produce and deliver natural gas despite year 2000 challenges.

"There is widespread public interest in the ability of utilities to perform during the Y2K transition. Our goal in meeting this unique challenge is the same as it is every day of the year: to provide reliable gas and electric service to our cus-

tomers," said Kenneth C. Emery, vice president, information technology and operations services.

"The steps we are taking are designed to ensure that any problems which might occur because of the Y2K rollover will be addressed and corrected as quickly as possible. To help avoid the kinds of problems that can arise from public misunderstanding, we plan to provide information throughout the year to the news media, governmental agencies and our customers."

This is a "Year 2000 Readiness Disclosure" as defined by the Year 2000 Information and Readiness Disclosure Act.

Utility offers on-line access to customers

Consumers Energy has placed its electric and natural gas rate information on its Internet website address for convenient access by customers and other interested parties. The information includes up-to-date rate sheets and rules governing each rate.

The following address - notes.consumersenergy.com/tariffs/ - provides direct access to Consumers Energy's rate information.

Visitors at Consumers Energy's homepage at www.consumersenergy.com can also access the rate information by selecting "About Us" on the first page, and "Gas and Electric Tariffs" on the second page.

Customers can also use information on the site to determine if they are on the correct rate.

A feature of the site is the ability of a visitor to search for a specific rate information topic. For example, a visitor could submit a search request for information on natural gas transportation and would then receive a listing of all the rate sheets on this topic. Individual rate sheets may be read, printed or downloaded as preferred.

"Making our rate information available electronically to customers and other parties is an added convenience as we move into an era of customer choice," said the utility's Director of Rates, Francis A. Ernst, Jr.

Massage therapy students offer low-cost clinics

Kirtland's Massage Therapy program is again offering winter semester clinics to allow students, faculty, staff and area residents the opportunity to receive low-cost massages.

Massages will be given by students under the supervision of certified massage therapy instructors.

Anyone interested in receiving a massage should call the Continuing Education Center at (517) 275-5121, ext. 418 to schedule an appointment.

The cost is \$5 for a 30-minute session.

The dates and times for the clinics are:

Tuesdays - February 9; March 9 and 23; April 13 and 27 at 9:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m.

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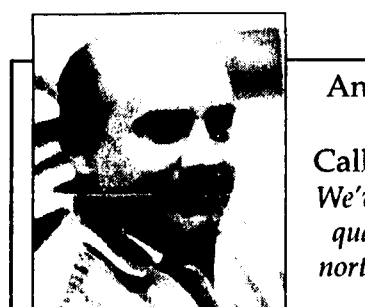
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OBITUARIES

Wesley N. Starks
Wesley N. Starks, 86, of Grayling, passed away on January 28, 1999 at his residence. Wesley was born on November 18, 1912 in Calhoun County to Rell Starks and Maude Miller Starks. He married the former Josephine M. Bowen on September 20, 1939, in Napoleon, Ohio. They moved to Grayling 51 years ago from North Bradley. Mr. Starks was employed with Dow Chemical Company for 15 years before buying the Marathon station in Grayling, which he owned and operated until retiring in 1978. He was preceded in death by his son, LeRoy Starks in 1961; his sister, Mildred Powell; and his parents. He is survived by his wife, Josephine M. Starks of Grayling; daughter, Brenda Arnold of DuBois Pennsylvania; son, Robert (Michelle) Starks of Grayling; brother, Linden Starks of Grayling; two sisters: Marjorie (James) Hecocks and Myrna (Bud) Brandt; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. The family suggests memorial contributions be directed to Amicare Hospice of Grayling.

James L. Lorensen
James L. Lorensen, 56, of Matthews, North Carolina, died on January 11, 1999. James was born on September 29, 1942, in Santa Monica, California, the son of the late Cletus and Lauree Gillan Lorensen. He has been a resident of the Charlotte area of North Carolina since 1982. He served with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He has been employed with Charlotte Real Estate and more recently in the Sales Division of Kids' Rights. Survivors include: son, Matthew James Lorensen of Matthews, North Carolina; brother, Ken (Robin) Lorensen of Cary, North Carolina; niece, Kristen Lorensen of Denver; his former wife, Kitty Lorensen of Matthews, North Carolina; and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Funck and brother Peter Funck, all of Grayling; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Send your sweetie a valentine in the Avalanche Valentine Greeting February 11th. Call 348-6811

Gary Piipo
Gary Hubert Piipo, 58, of Bradenton, Florida, passed away on November 28, 1998, in Warrington, Florida. Gary was born on February 21, 1940 to Hubert and Helma (Corsaut) Piipo in Grayling. He was preceded in death by his father, Hubert Piipo and wife Janet, on August 13, 1997 in Bradenton, Florida. Survivors include: son Scott Piipo of Schaumburg, Illinois; daughter, Cindy (Mark) Nickols of Nashville, Tennessee; mother and step-father, Helma and Leo Post of Grayling. Graveside services will be held in the spring of 1999 at Oakwood Cemetery in Frederic. Arrangements made by Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel. The family suggest memorials to the American Heart Association.

Seniors allowed to Earn More in 1999

Social Security beneficiaries who work in 1999 can earn more money and still receive all of their Social Security benefits. The earnings limits increase each year with increases in average wages. Beneficiaries between the ages of 65 and 69 can earn up to \$15,500 a year without having any benefits withheld. For every \$3 that a beneficiary earns over this limit, \$1 is withheld from his or her benefit. In 1998, the earnings limit was \$14,500. People under age 65 can earn up to \$9,600 a year without having any benefits withheld. For every \$2 a person under age 65 earns over this amount, \$1 is withheld from their benefits. In 1998, the earnings limit was \$9,120 a year. People age 70 or older who continue to work do not have benefits withheld no matter how much they earn.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for the week ahead: The golden thread that binds humanity to itself is kindness. The Crawford County Commission on Aging congregate meals are served at noon and five, Monday thru Thursday and lunch only on Friday. We have a fruit and vegetable salad bar on Tuesday and soup is served on Monday and Wednesday. Please try to make a reservation if you can by calling (517) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500. February:

Fight Against Memory Loss Gets a New Weapon

By Alan A. Mazurek, M.D.
For News USA

(NU) One of the most critical health issues facing our aging population is memory loss, and experts in the fields of neurology, biochemistry and aging have had few effective tools with which to fight this important battle. Until now.

New research published in the Journal of the American Medical Association indicates that an herbal compound, Huperzine A, provides promise as a treatment for patients experiencing memory loss problems. This research is so compelling that Huperzine A is one of the few herbal compounds to be embraced by U.S. medical practitioners and researchers.

In an important study conducted in China on Huperzine A, a double-blind placebo controlled protocol was used to evaluate the effectiveness of Huperzine A in treating benign memory loss. This statically significant study showed a total improvement rate for the Huperzine A group of 86.7 percent, with 50% showing significant improvement. The placebo group showed a 20% improvement rate, with 3.3 percent significant improvement. A collection of similar evi-

dence in support of Huperzine A led me to conclude that Huperzine A holds the promise of improving the quality of life of people with a wide range of memory impairments, including Alzheimer's disease.

Therefore, for the last four months, I have been conducting an open label study with Huperzine A on my patients with memory loss and dementia. In approximately 30 patients, more than half have shown an improvement or arrest of progression of their dementia, which represents a significant result. More definite studies in the United States are needed to determine the exact dosage and further usefulness of Huperzine A, but it clearly is a major advancement in the treatment of memory loss and dementia.

Teaching older people to take care of themselves through diet, exercise and supplementation can be the beginning of a more promising and satisfying future. Huperzine A is available in health food stores nationwide and select drug stores.

Alan A. Mazurek, M.D., is a board-certified neurologist with a private practice in Rockville Center, Long Island, N.Y.

HONORS

Each fall and winter semester Kirtland Community College's President's List and a Dean's List are produced of students with excellent academic records.

The President's List consists of names of full-time students whose current semester grade point averages are 3.800 to 4.000 at the time grade reports are processed.

Ryan Christensen, Jeremy Colby, Christina Kenney, Alan Somero, Melanie Soper.

The Dean's List consists of names of full-time students whose current semester grade point averages are 3.400 to 3.799 at the time grade reports are processed.

Grace Galvani, Joshua Colby,

Liberty Galvani, Karen Hatley, Bethany Pettyjohn, Karie Tinker, Stacy Pauling, Amanda Quick, Deborah Schreiner

Alma College has named nearly 400 students to the Dean's List for outstanding academic performance during the 1998 Fall Term which ended December 18, 1998.

Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits (at least eight of which are evaluative grades), are named to the Dean's List.

Following is a list of students from Grayling are: Sarah Amman, Jaime Vendeville.

Lake Superior State University students from your area have been named to the Dean's List for the 1998 fall semester. These students attained at least a 3.5 grade point average on a scale of 4.0: Bryce Kucharek, JC Millikin.

Central Michigan University's fall semester honors list includes students from the Grayling area who earned 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and higher grade point average.

In all, 2,698 CMU students were named to the honors list and 365 earned straight "A"s. About 17,300 students attend CMU in Mount Pleasant.

For the fall semester, 523 freshmen, 529 sophmores, 566 juniors and 1,080 seniors were named to the honors list.

The fall semester ended in December.

Kathryn Failing, Amanda Ginther, Benjamin Haskel, Trisha Ormsbee, Gretchen Ross, Nicole Siwula, Jessica St. Germain, Joshua Woodland.

Card of Thanks

Thank you family and friends for all the cards and well wishes on our 50th Anniversary.
Harry & Betty Miller and family

Some Guard members eligible for back pay

Major General E. Gordon Stump, Director of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, announced January 28 that persons who served in the Michigan Army National Guard between February 12, 1988 and September 30, 1997, may be entitled to \$2 per day for annual training served during this period.

The payments are being made pursuant to a court order issued in the *Weiman, et al v State of Michigan, et al*, a class action lawsuit filed on behalf of all persons who performed annual training during this time and did not receive the \$2 per diem payments

required under Michigan law.

The class action was originally filed in 1991 by 11 members of the Michigan National Guard. The determination of the Court of Claims in favor of eleven plaintiffs was affirmed by the Michigan Court of Appeals in 1996.

The Court of Claims certified the law-

suit as a class action in July, 1997.

For fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, approximately 10,000 active members of the Michigan National Guard have recently received their per diem payments for annual training served in the 1997-98 fiscal year. These payments reflect a resumption of the practice of making per diem payments by the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and are not a part of the class action lawsuit.

Notice of the Class Action and Claim Forms are being sent to class members by the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

The complete text of the Notice

of Class Actions is available at www.voyager.net/goguard/index.html.

All questions from members of the class should be directed to the attorney for the class, Gregory J. Stempien, at 1-800-726-1822, or e-mail at stempienpc@hotmail.com.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled from February 3 through 9:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road).

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek.

Range 13, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by the Crawford County Line, north of Daniels Road, and east of the gas pipeline.

Range 12, located south of the main post, bounded on the east by Carrier Road, and west of Beaver Creek (Military Road).

For further information, call (517) 348-3603.



Don't forget to send the one love a Valentine in the Crawford County Avalanche Valentine Greeting in the February 11th issue. Call 348-6811 for more details!

MILITARY NEWS

AIR FORCE 'DEP' VOLUNTEER

Josh Sheldon, son of Penny Alimenti and James Sheldon both of Grayling, Michigan, enlisted in the Air Force Delayed Enlistment Program today, according to Sgt. Todd Bulmer, 200 West Bay Road, East Tawas, Michigan.

Airman Sheldon, a 1999 member of the graduating class of Grayling High School, is scheduled for enlistment in the Regular Air Force on October 20. Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week basic training course near San Antonio, Texas he is scheduled to receive technical training in the Administrative Area.

Airman Sheldon will be earning credits toward an associate degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training school.

January 15, 1999 (FHTNC)-- Marine Pvt. Nathan A. Regier, son of Lee J. and Carol E. Regier, Roscommon, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, CA.

Regier successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Regier and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Regier spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Regier and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values -- honor,

courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Regier and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Regier joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country.

He is a 1998 graduate of Roscommon High School.

December 30, 1998 (FHTNC)-- Navy Airman Eric W. Everson, son of Rose M. Wiser of Petoskey recently completed a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, home ported in Norfolk, VA.

While deployed, Everson's ship participated in numerous large-scale military exercises, including Matador Livex and Dynamic Mix '98. During these exercises, Everson and crew members worked with military forces from 11 NATO countries to improve the interoperability, flexibility and mobility of multi-national forces.

In addition, Everson and crew members had the opportunity to visit France, Greece, Italy, Spain and Turkey where crew members participated in community relations projects in the host countries.

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versatile and powerful weapons available.

The 1998 graduate of Petoskey High School joined the Navy in June 1998.

Navy Airman Apprentice Bennett A. Jeffrey, son of Nancy Polasek of 11702 Deerheart Valley Road, Roscommon, Michigan, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois.

During the eight-week program, Jeffrey completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis is also placed on physical fitness.

Jeffrey and other recruits also received instruction on the Navy's core values--honor, courage and commitment--and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct. Jeffrey joins 55,000 men and women who will enter the Navy this year from all over the country.

Men and women train together from their first day in the Navy just as they do aboard ships and at shore commands around the world. To reinforce the team concept, Jeffrey and other recruits also were trained in preventing sexual harassment and ensuring equal opportunity.

Even as the naval service gets smaller over the next few years, highly motivated young people like Jeffrey are still finding an opportunity to improve their knowledge and education as they become part of the most highly technical naval force in history. This year alone the Navy will have more than 57,000 job openings and opportunities which include guaranteed training.

He is a 1998 graduate of Roscommon High School.

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1816 -- His family was forced out of their home. He had to work to support them.

1818 -- His mother died.

1831 -- Failed in business.

1832 -- Ran for State Legislature and lost.

1832 -- Also, lost his job - wanted to go to law school but couldn't get in.

1833 -- Borrowed some money from a friend to begin business and by the end of the year he was bankrupt. He spent the next 17 years of his life paying off

this debt.

1834 -- Ran for State Legislature again and won.

1835 -- Was engaged to be married; sweetheart died and his heart was broken.

1836 -- Had a total nervous breakdown and was in bed for six months.

1838 -- Sought to become Speaker of the State Legislature and was defeated.

1840 -- Sought to become Elector and was defeated.

1843 -- Ran for Congress and lost.

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1848 -- Ran for re-election to Congress and lost.

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RSVP is a national program, partially supported by federal and state funds.

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sored by the Crawford County Commission on

bursement and much more.

There are a variety of ways in which seniors and retirees can help the community and its people through RSVP.

Examples are: transporting others to doctor's appointments, Meals On Wheels delivery, daily errands, as clerks for Hartwick Pines, tutoring for St. Mary's Learning Center and local schools, as hospital escorts, and in-home activities such as telephone reassurance, knitting and much more.

To help make RSVP's 26th year one to remember, please call (517) 348-4341, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You may ask for Renee, the Director, or Connie, the Secretary.

Staff members are eagerly waiting to help you in becoming an RSVP volunteer or if you are in need of assistance.



Aging.

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Fishell is Volunteer of the Month

The Crawford County Commission on Aging February Volunteer of the Month is Melvin Fishell.

Melvin and his wife, Ann, have been married 43 years and have five children. They moved here from Roscommon 23 years ago. He had lived in Roscommon for 30 years.

Mel enjoys spending some of his free time reading and partaking of the Bible studies at the center.

His free time is at a premium, however, because he delivers Meals-On-Wheels once a week and is more than happy to fill in when needed.

Melvin also works very hard for his church and visits those who might be having a difficult time and need a special friend.

The Commission on Aging is proud and happy to have this man volunteering for us at the center.

February Dances at the COA

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's first dance of the month will be the Valentine's Party on



Thursday, February 11th, at 12:30. The second dance will be on Thursday, February 25th, at 12:30.

Free tax assistance for seniors

There will be volunteers coming on February 3 and 17 to the Crawford County Commission on Aging to help seniors fill out some of their income tax forms. Types of tax help that will

be available will be: home heating, homestead, prescription credit and short form only, federal and state. Please call for an appointment, 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500.

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FEBRUARY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1. 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Women 1:00 - Bridge Club 5:30 - "Hangman"	2. 10:00 - Exercises 11:00 - Line Dance 1:00 - Euchre Club 5:30 - Trivia	3. Commodities 9:30 - 10:30 Eagles Tax Lady by Appointment 12:30 - Stag Club 12:30 - Wendy's Bingo	4. "Lucky 7" Casino Trip 9:00 - Adult Ed Classes Travelogue at the High School	5. 1:00 - Pantry-Bingo ***** 7. Sunday Brunch 10 - 1 Blueberry Pancakes
8. Share Sign-Up 10 - 2 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Women 1:00 - Bridge Club 5:30 - "Hangman"	9. Surplus Eagles 9 - 1 10:00 - Exercises 11:00 - Line Dance 1:00 - Euchre Club 5:30 - Pool	10. 12:00 - Birthday Luncheon 12:30 - Stag Club 5:30 - "R & R"	11. BP's Taken 11 to Noon 9:00 - Adult Ed Classes 12:30 - Valentine's Dance with Tina	12. 1:00 - Pantry Bingo 1:30 - Legal Help
15. 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Women 1:00 - Bridge Club 5:30 - "Hangman"	16. 10:00 - Exercises 11:00 - Line Dance 1:00 - Euchre Club 5:30 - Trivia	17. Tax Lady by Appointment 12:30 - Stag Club 5:30 - COA Board Meeting	18. "Lucky 7" Casino Trip 9:00 - Adult Ed Classes WMU Concert at the High School	19. 1:00 - Pantry Bingo ***** 21. Pancake Brunch 10 - 1
22. Foot Clinic by Appointment 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Women 1:00 - Bridge Club 5:30 - "Hangman"	23. 10:00 - Exercises 11:00 - Line Dance 1:00 - Euchre Club 5:30 - Pool	24. 12:30 - Stag Club 5:30 - "R & R"	25. BP's Taken 11 to Noon 9:00 - Adult Ed Classes 12:30 - Dance with Tina EMU Concert at the High School	26. Save & Share Pick-Up 1:30 - 3 at RLDS 1:00 - Pantry Bingo ***** 28. Sunday Potluck 2 pm - Bring a dish to pass

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Travelogue features *Russia Today*

On Thursday evening, February 4, the Community Education Travel & Adventure Series continues with a new look at *Russia Today*, at 7:30 p.m. in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School.

Russia Today depicts a proud and ancient people in a vast complex land. Beginning with Rurik, who united the Slavs around Kiev in 988 AD and chose Orthodox Christianity as the national religion, the Russians gradually expanded in all directions.

After a century of cultural inter-ruption when the armies of Genghis Khan, (The Golden Horde) invaded, the princes around Moscow regained political power. Ruler Ivan built the Kremlin in Moscow, which is still the symbol of Russia, in the early 1500's.

Peter the Great felt a need to modernize Russia and he built a new Capital on the Baltic Sea and named it St. Petersburg.

It became Leningrad after 1917, and returned to St. Petersburg in 1991, and it is Russia's most beautiful city with museums and art not to be missed, especially the Hermitage Museum and great cathedrals. Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Ballet* premiered in the Male Theater of St. Petersburg.

European *Russia Today* stretches from the Baltic to the Black Sea, and includes Kiev, (now Ukraine), Moscow, and St. Petersburg among

its highlights. The Black Sea resorts, like Yalta of World War II fame, are still popular with Russian vacationers.

The film includes Russia beyond the Ural Mountains, geographic dividing line between Europe and Asia. Russians began to expand in the 1500's toward the East.

They eventually overran the native peoples of Siberia, spread into Alaska, down the west coast of North America, and built forts in Hawaii -- all by 1810.

Asiatic Russia features frozen tundra, the Siberian Taiga (forests), and many towns and cities built in the 20th century. Vladivostok is home port of the Russian Navy's Pacific Fleet.

Most travelers fly across Russia, which spans ten time zones; some choose the slower Trans-Siberian Railroad for all or part of their trip.

In Central Asia there are millions of minority peoples who cling to their languages, their Islamic religion, and continue in many traditional ways. The Uzbeks, the Khazaks, the Armenians, and Turkish people all live in Russia today.

The dramatic conclusion of *Russia Today* follows the Russian Circus through several cities seeing the local culture and the color and excitement of the world's largest circus.

Russia today is a land is a land in

transition; economic chaos in some quarters and political evolution toward democratic institutions and elective governments.

The Russian people today retain a strong sense of pride in their language, literature, religion and art. As they work to craft a "new nation" from the ruins of Soviet communism, they will rely on their traditions for guidance and support.

Russia Today is a people picture which includes much geographic and scenic interest along with cultural and historic focus.

Presenting the program will be Willis Moore, born in New York City of Scotch, English and Cherokee Native American ancestry.

Moore has been making travelogues since he was a teenager, holds a Masters Degree in Education, and is a graduate Assistant at the University of Hawaii.

The Travel & Adventure Series is a partnership presentation of the Crawford AuSable Community Education Program and Fick & Sons of Grayling.

Doors to the Joseph Stripe Auditorium open at 6:45 p.m. with show time at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3.50 for students and seniors. Tickets may be purchased at the door or by calling 348-7641, ext. 123/120. Group rates, senior and student discounts are available.

High schoolers may be eligible for all-expenses paid trips

Great Lakes Energy Cooperative will sponsor nine high school students to attend the Rural Electric Teen Days, a three-day leadership building retreat to be held this spring at the secluded Kettunen 4-H Center near Cadillac.

Up to 40 students representing electric cooperatives from throughout Michigan attend Teen Days to learn about electricity, electrical safety, leadership skills and more, all in a fun atmosphere. Students also learn how the cooperative form of business operates, by creating a "mock" board of directors and handling business decisions that an electric co-op board might face.

Students at Teen Days also enjoy plenty of free-time activities, and they tour the TV 9 & 10 studios in Cadillac where they meet with news anchors and watch a live news broadcast from the studio.

Rural Electric Teen Days, which is held April 22 to 24, is co-sponsored by the Michigan Electric Cooperative Association and participating electric cooperatives.

Great Lakes Energy will also sponsor six students to attend the National Rural Electric Youth Tour, a week-long tour of Washington, D.C., co-sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

At the Youth Tour, from June 11-17, more than 1,00 students from across the country gather for a week of learning, history and fun in the nation's capitol. Students also have the chance to meet with their elected representatives in Congress.

Room and board and travel costs are covered by the participating electric cooperatives. The programs are open to high school sophomores, juniors and seniors whose homes receive electricity from Great Lakes Energy. Home-schooled students are also eligible.

For more information, students, teachers or parents should contact their closest ELE representative.

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D'Amour receives national award

The United States Achievement Academy (USAA) announced that Nicholas D'Amour of Grayling has been named a United States National Award Winner in Physical Education.

According to USAA this award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than ten percent of all American high school students.

D'Amour, who attends Grayling High School, was nominated at the

end of the 1997-98 school year for this award by Grayling Middle School Health and Physical Education teacher, Cindy Jones. D'Amour's name will appear in the USAA Official Yearbook, published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excel-



Nicholas D'Amour

lence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the USAA.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy.

The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendations from a teacher or director.

D'Amour is the son of Monty and Patty D'Amour of Grayling. The grandparents are Leon and Jackie D'Amour, and Jack and Nita Millikin, all of Grayling.

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Scholarship competition theme is 'Through the Years with the Class of 2000'

A closer look at the 1999 Junior Miss candidates

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The 1999 Junior Miss Candidates are a group of 13 young ladies, vying for scholarship money, currently in their junior year at Grayling High School. The 1999 Junior Miss competition will be held Saturday night at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium, traditionally the "crowning moment" of the Winter Wolf Festival.

In preparation for the competition, each candidate filled out a questionnaire and wrote an essay about themselves, what they've learned in life and their aspirations. A review of their writings reveals a sample of how their generation sees the world, its problems, possible solutions, who inspires them and how they feel about their community.

Becoming closer to their classmates and forming new friendships was the most popular reason for joining the scholarship competition.

Common among most of the contestants... they all appreciate the small town they live in and how there is always someone around to talk to wherever you go. Also, the young ladies stress the need for community pride through clean-up projects and the need for involvement by and activities for all of the youth in Crawford County.

Candidates were asked what they believe is the most pressing issue fac-

ing today's youth. The overwhelming majority stated that the naive attitude toward drug/alcohol use, sex, disease and teen pregnancy is the problem that needs to be faced and that current programs need to be bolstered in the schools.

The thing that makes the candidates most proud of their generation appears to be their intelligence and their opportunity to be grow up in the high-tech age and all of its advancements.

They are for the most part least proud of the lack of respect their generation shows for themselves and others — that fighting and gang membership are useless activities. One candidate stated that she is least proud of how, "We choose to hide our exotic insides by covering our out-sides with designer clothes and Kool-Aid hair."

The candidates said they believe parents and other adults should take more time to really listen to kids and not to let jobs and careers get in the way of the time they should spend with their kids.

The most compelling of the questions that the candidates have for the judges came from Amanda Love. She asks if this kind of competition would be beneficial for junior boys.

Following are profiles of each candidate taken from the questionnaires and essays.

Allison Schoen

Allison Schoen is 16 years old and the daughter of Charlie and Julie Schoen.

Allison is a member of the National Honor Society, Junior Class President, Art Club Secretary and is involved with Youth in Government.

Her special talents and interests include a variety of dance, singing, writing, tutoring, drawing and school participation.

She describes herself as "Someone that always helps others before myself and someone who is open-minded, willing to listen, involved, respectful and fun to be around."



Her goals include successful completion of high school and college at Western Michigan University. In dance, she hopes to attain "Dancer of the Year" status and establish a career in dance.

Brandi McClain

Brandi McClain is 16 years old and the daughter of Dave and Gayle McClain.

She is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Senate and is involved in forensics, journalism and Youth in Government. She is also Center 2 representative for MASC (State Board).

Brandi's special interests, talents and hobbies include public speaking, competitive dancing, snowboarding, swimming, rollerblading and eating.

She describes herself as Perseverant, Respectful, Intelligent, Diligent, and Energetic = PRIDE.

Brandi's goals are to master many of the Advanced Placement courses at Grayling High School



and graduate with honors. She plans on attending the University of Michigan with emphasis on pre-law. After achieving her Ph.D., she hopes to become a medical malpractice attorney through complete allegiance to her studies. She also has interests in government and becoming a federal judge.

Amanda Jane Love

Amanda Jane Love is 16 years old and the daughter of Harry, Jr. and Angela Love.

She is a Varsity cheerleader and a member of the National Honor Society and has participated in Girl Scouts, 4-H and is an award-winning barrel racer.

Amanda's special interests, talents and hobbies include working with her horse, babysitting, working with kids, reading, working out and "just being alone and thinking."

She describes herself by stating, "I have no distinct features on the outside, but I think, feel realize and analyze more than anyone I have met so far. Also, I have an open mind and common sense that doesn't fade."



Amanda's goals are to graduate from high school and a yet-to-be-determined college, with a degree in "something very interesting." She states that she will make enough money to support her barrel racing and will achieve these goals no matter what the cost. "With hard work and loyalty to them, I can do it," states Amanda.

Bethanie Black

Bethanie Kathleen Black is 16 years old and the daughter of Wayne and Kathleen Black.

She is a member of the Grayling High School Band and a member of the National Honor Society.

Bethanie's special talents and interests include playing the glockenspiel, horseback riding and swing dancing. She states that her passion is to paint and draw, and loves to play with her dog, Pepper.

She describes herself as "An outgoing and hardworking person, who likes expressing herself through her art and acting in front of others."

Bethanie's short term goals are to finish high school and go on to col-



lege at Michigan State University. Her long term goal is to maintain a career in the field of her choice and plans on achieving her goals by sticking to the standards that she has set for herself. At the present she states she would like to be an Acting or Art teacher.

Tanya Helsel

Tanya Helsel is 16 years old and the daughter of Deborah Helsel and Timothy Brennan.

She is involved with basketball, track, the ski team, softball, the GRA Pom Squad and the AAU traveling basketball team.

Tanya's special talents and interests include athletics, all outdoor activities, organizing committees during Homecoming and Spirit Week, and caring for young children.

She describes herself as "Outgoing, very willing to help others, humorous, extremely active, reliable, and determined."

Tanya's goals are, after high



school, to attend Lake Superior State University and graduate with a Masters Degree in Wildlife Biology. She would like to become a Department of Natural Resources Conservation Officer.

Tasha Maureen Carlisle

Tasha Maureen Carlisle is 16 years old and the daughter of Nancy Hunt and Daniel Carlisle.

She is a cheerleader, enjoys powerlifting, track and field and playing soccer.

Tasha's special talents, interests and hobbies include lifting weights and collecting frog knickknacks.

She describes herself as "A cheerleader who gets along with everyone. I have self-confidence and love for others."

Tasha's goals are to graduate from high school and from Michigan Technological University and become a mineralogist. She



plans to obtain decent grades in both high school and college to obtain her goals.

Darci Lynn Trudgeon

Darci Lynn Trudgeon is 16 years old and the daughter of Philip and Patricia Trudgeon.

She is a cheerleader, involved in forensics and a member of the National Honor Society.

Darci's special interests, talents and hobbies include writing, figure skating, and cross country skiing.

Describing herself, she writes: "I'm optimistic and outgoing. I enjoy making people happy and I'm always willing to try new things." Darci said she would also like trading places for one day with high school teacher Nancy Lemmen so she could "figure out what she finds is so exciting about school every



day!" Darci's goals are to become an elementary school teacher and will attend Central Michigan University to gain the necessary credentials.

Amy Stevenson

Amy Stevenson is 16 years old and the daughter of Mark and Marty Stevenson.

She is a member of the National Honor Society, the band and Color Guard.

Amy's special interests, talents and hobbies include swimming, reading, listening to music and watching movies.

She describes herself as "An honest person with strong beliefs and values, and desires to make people laugh."

Amy's goals are to graduate from high school through hard work and determination. She hopes, with the



support of family and friends, to make it through the pageant without breaking down. Her long term goal is to attend Lawrence Tech and become an architect or engineer.

Cheryl Ann Papendick

Cheryl Ann Papendick is 16 years old and the daughter of Rusty and Pat Papendick.

She is a member of the National Honor Society and the Art Club and plays volleyball, basketball and runs track.

Cheryl's special talents, interests and hobbies include singing, skiing, biking, running, playing with her young cousins and talking.

She describes herself as "Sensitive, caring, hard-working, and organized; I have very strong beliefs."

Cheryl's goals are to attend



Northwestern Michigan College and become a psychologist. She would like to help others "find themselves." She would also like to volunteer in Animal Rights Programs.

Krystal Savoy

Krystal Savoy is 17 years old and the daughter of Geno and Lori Mastroeni, and Mark Savoy.

She is the Student Senate Vice President, a member of the Art Club, involved in Youth in Government and the assistant freshman volleyball coach.

Krystal's special interests, talents and hobbies include drawing, painting, speedskating, skiing and a variety of dance.

She describes herself as "Very down to earth. I love making people laugh. Extremely caring and honest. I always have great advice. Very outgoing at the appropriate times."

About her goals Krystal writes, "I set goals for myself. I challenge my



capabilities everyday. My short term goals lead into my long term goals. My long term goal is to become extremely successful in the art world. I have the confidence in myself that I will achieve all of them." Krystal states that she would like to become an Art teacher, possibly in high school visual communication after attending Kendall Art and Design.

Danielle McClanahan

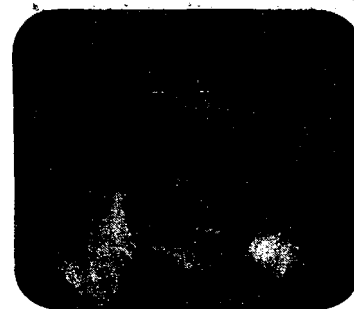
Danielle McClanahan is 16 years old and the daughter of Nancy and the late Brock McClanahan.

She has held the offices of the Junior Class President and Secretary and is involved with Youth in Government, a member of the ski team, the high school blood bank coordinator, and member of the yearbook staff.

Danielle's special talents, interests and hobbies include playing the saxophone, music, poetry, traveling and spending time with friends.

She describes herself as "A fun loving and caring individual. I enjoy making people smile," and admires Elizabeth Dole for "her determination, desire to be the first woman president and her courage."

Danielle's goals are to perform to



the best of her ability in her last years of high school and then at Michigan State University or Central Michigan University to study Criminal Psychology. With hard work, she says, she will become a successful woman. She would like to help others dealing with a terminal illness as she has had to with her father's fight with cancer.

Amie Price

Amie Price is 17 years old and the daughter of Sarah Price and Ray Halstead.

She is involved in forensics, a member of the National Honor Society, and the National Barrel Association.

Amie's talents and interests lie in riding, training and barrel racing her horses.

She describes herself as "Very responsible, outgoing, and courteous."

Amie states her goals for the pre-



sent as wanting to make it to the barrel racing finals at Oklahoma and in the future to become an equine veterinarian.

Monica Kustra

Monica Kustra is 17 years old and the daughter of Gilbert and Nancy Kustra.

She has been the Junior Class Secretary for the past two years, the drum major for the GHS Marching Vikings for the past three years, serves on the band council, a member of the ski team, plays softball and was a crew member of the production on *Anything Goes*.

Monica's special talents, interests and hobbies include running, playing Euchre, playing soccer, reading, mountain biking, and playing basketball.

She describes herself as "An energetic, self-motivated, amiable young woman who takes pride in who I am and who I plan to be."

Monica's short term goals are to



prepare herself the best she can for the "real world" by studying and working hard at her job, extra curricular and community activities. Her long term goals are to complete college at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa and establish a career in music therapy before starting a family. "I will do this by continuing to set and attain short term goals," she said.

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Varsity Basketball squad downs G's

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The GHS Varsity Basketball Team played Gladwin for the second time this season on Friday, January 29, and in a much lower scoring game, the Vikings came out on top 55-49.

The first time the two teams faced off the Gladwin Flying G's won a high-scoring shootout 90-82.

This time around defense played a bigger role, and the offenses had trouble getting moving.

The first period was a low-scoring one, with both teams having turnover problems and difficulty putting the ball in the net.

The Gladwin team helped itself with a couple three-pointers, but Grayling built up a 15-10 lead by the first quarter buzzer.

GHS continued to play strong, aggressive defense in the second, and maintained a slim lead at half-time, 29-25.

The third period ended up being the pivotal one in the game. Grayling's defense held Gladwin to five points in the quarter, and the Vikings scored 14, including a three-point play by Jeremy Millikin and a three-point shot by David Hawkins.

Grayling fought hard under the boards, and the resulting rebounds were a big factor in keeping the Gladwin scoring to a minimum.

The G's fought back hard in the fourth, but were unable to overcome the 13 point lead GHS had racked up prior to the final quarter.

Brad Ritter hit the first shot of the period, a jumper, to put GHS up by 15, 45-30.

Gladwin then scored eight unanswered points to pull within seven, 38-45. Nate Beckwith scored a basket inside on a nice dish from Nate Hinkle to put the score at 47-38 in Grayling's favor.

The Vikings missed a few one and one opportunities at the free throw line, and Gladwin continued to chip away at the Grayling lead.

With 1:49 left in the game Gladwin dumped in a three-point-er to pull within three, 45-48. The G's, however, were unable to gain any additional ground.

Hawkins came up with a big rebound on a Gladwin three-point attempt, and the G's were then forced to foul. With Grayling into bonus, Hawkins hit one of two from the line, and Eli Tobin later made two of two from the stripe to score the final points of the game.

The Vikings won by six points, 55-49.

The Varsity team will head to Pinconning on Friday, February 5, and will go to Oscoda on Tuesday, February 9.



Varsity game photos by Linda Golinick
FROM THE KEY -- Nate Beckwith (#10) puts up a shot in Friday's game against Gladwin. Jeremy Millikin (#22) and Brad Ritter (#50) watch for a rebound.



HALFTIME SHOW -- The Pom Pon squad entertains the crowd during halftime of Friday's varsity basketball game. Grayling won the game by six points, 55-49.

JV Team ends win streak at nine games

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling High School Junior Varsity Basketball Team ended a nine-game unbeaten streak on Friday, January 29, with a loss to the visiting Gladwin Flying G's.

The team hadn't lost a game since its second match of the season, an overtime loss to West Branch Ogemaw Heights. The team's record is now 10-2.

The nine wins included victories

on the road against Bay City John Glenn (71-40), Standish Sterling (71-54), Saginaw Valley Lutheran (64-51), and West Branch Ogemaw Heights (65-62).

In last Friday's home contest versus Gladwin the team didn't get off to a good start, and was forced to play "catch-up" the entire game.

Gladwin took an early lead, outscoring Grayling 19-12 in the first period.

In the second quarter the Vikings kept themselves in the game with good rebounding, and the GHS offense started to pick up a little steam.

With 5:29 left in the half, Marcus Bobenmoyer hit his second three-point-er of the quarter, pulling Grayling within three, 22-25.

The Vikes couldn't gain any more ground than that before halftime, and went into the locker room down three, 30-33.

The Vikings had difficulty getting the shots to fall in the third quarter, and were outscored 15-7. The Flying G's took an 11 point lead into the fourth, 48-37.

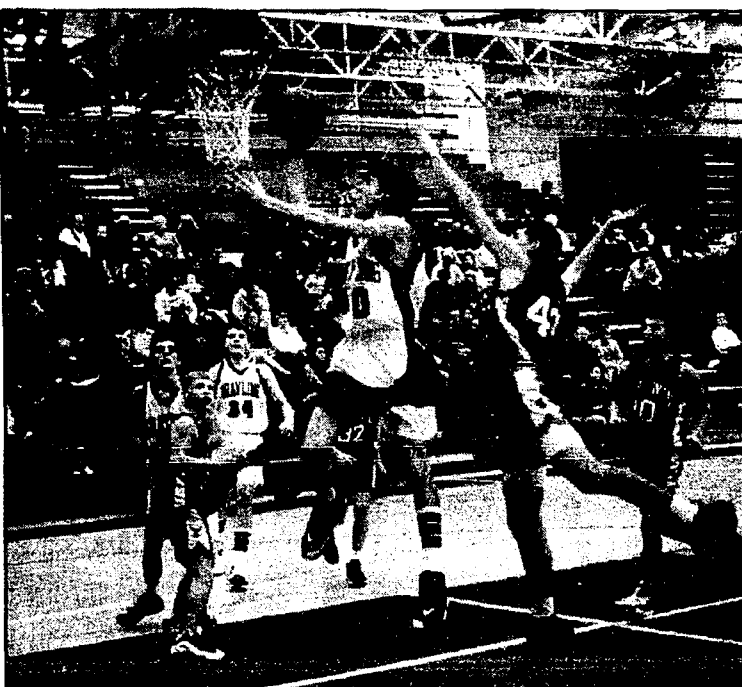
Grayling couldn't make up any ground in the final period, and ended up losing the game by 11, 55-66.

Brad Gorski led the Grayling scoring with 19 points. Bobenmoyer put in 13, and Levi Burkett scored 12 points.

In the game against West Branch last Tuesday, the Vikings came out with a three point win, 65-62.

"We came out and started slow, but played very good second, third and fourth quarters," said Coach Butch Hayes.

The game was the team's first without Justin Neuberger, who



TAKING IT TO THE HOLE -- Levi Burkett goes up for a lay-up against the Gladwin Flying G's.

recently moved out of Grayling.

"He was a real good kid, really dedicated to our program. He was one of our captains, so we got a lot of leadership out of him. We haven't relied too heavily on any one person, but yes, we missed him. Everybody stepped it up a notch to play the style of basketball we want to be playing," said Hayes.

At recent games the Vikings have honored Neuberger by wearing a piece of tape with his number (21) on their jerseys.

Coach Hayes said that as a whole his team is playing well this season.

"Overall, we're playing good basketball," said Hayes, "though we did

have a setback last Friday. We have good team speed, and usually have well-balanced scoring. They move the ball well."

"They play well with each other," continued Hayes. "Of course, most of that stems from their practices. They come in every day and work hard. The result is pretty obvious."

The JV team will face off against Pinconning on Friday, February 5, in Pinconning.



LOOKING TO PASS -- Brad Gorski looks to dish the ball to an open teammate.

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Viking skiers win 29, lose 11 and tie one

The Viking Ski Teams finished 2nd behind host Gaylord on the rain slicked slopes of Treetops on Wednesday, January 27, and defeated the Mt. Pleasant and Inland Lakes teams.

Top skier for the Girls was Katie Olson placing 2nd in giant slalom and 4th in slalom. Brooke Ginther and Kim Hartman both compiled 17 team points as Ginther was 7th in slalom and 10th in giant slalom, and Hartman was 10th in slalom and 7th in giant slalom.

Freshman Kelly Jansen placed 17th in slalom and 21st in giant slalom.

"The Boys Team didn't ski its best race of the year as several top racers missed gates or fell and were disqualified," said Coach Mike Wieland. "We had 59 boys racing in a A, B, and C competition where every skier figured in the scoring."

Top skier for the Vikes was Eric Thompson, who placed 3rd in giant slalom and 4th in slalom. Colin Hunter was 2nd in slalom and 9th in giant slalom. Derek Quick off the "B" Team finished 3rd for Grayling, placing 13th in slalom and 19th in giant slalom.

Paul Jansen came in 19th in

slalom and 17th in giant slalom as a "B" Team skier. Jason Boreo placed 20th in slalom and 16th in giant slalom. Ray Trudgeon placed 26th in slalom and 13th in giant slalom. Josh Mueller placed 15th in slalom and 32nd in giant slalom. Matt Mitchell from the "B" Team was 22nd in slalom and 26th in giant slalom. Matt Ginther completed the running order for the "A" Team placing 27th in giant slalom and disqualified in slalom.

Other "B" Team racers placed as follows: Joe Hughes, 30th in slalom and 35th in giant slalom; Matt Thomas, 28th in slalom and 38th in giant slalom; Damian Fleischmann, 35th in slalom and 43rd in giant slalom; Ben McNally, 37th in slalom and 46th in giant slalom; Eric Hart, 42nd in slalom and 49th in giant slalom; Travis LaMotte, 45th in slalom and 53rd in giant slalom; Keil Clough and Justin Fenn both disqualified in slalom and were 42nd and 56th in giant slalom.

At Silver Ridge on Thursday, January 28, the League action continued as the Viking Boys again defeated Mt. Pleasant and Farwell to move farther ahead in league standings. The Girls Team pulled within one win of a tie with league-leading Clare as they defeated Mt. Pleasant and Farwell.

Team scores were: Grayling Girls 36 - Mt. Pleasant 39; Grayling 23 - Farwell 49; Grayling Boys 27 - Mt. Pleasant 46; Grayling 21 - Farwell 58.

In the Girls competition all the lady Vikes turned in great races. Olson led the way placing 1st in both giant slalom races and 2nd and 3rd in slalom; Brooke Ginther placed 1st and 2nd in slalom races and 3rd and 4th in giant slalom; Hartman was 2nd and 3rd in giant slalom and 3rd and 4th in slalom; Kelly Jansen placed 5th and 9th in slalom and 6th and 10th in giant slalom.

The Boys were once again led by Thompson placing 1st in all four races as he set the tone for racers behind him to follow. Matt Ginther placed 2nd on the squad as he finished 2nd in both slalom races and 3rd and 4th in giant slalom; Hunter placed 2nd and 3rd in giant slalom and 9th and 11th in slalom; Trudgeon placed 8th in both giant slalom races and 5th and 10th in slalom.

The boys racing in just one event really put the team ahead as Quick placed 3rd and 4th in slalom; Boreo was 5th in both races in giant slalom; Mueller was 4th and 7th in slalom and Paul Jansen was 9th and 10th in giant slalom.

On Saturday, January 30, at Boyne Mountain, the Viking Ski Teams were invited to ski with some of the top schools in the



Great Northern Conference. Host schools Boyne City and Charlevoix ski at Boyne Mountain, Inland Lakes trains at Nubs Nub, Bellaire skis at Schuss Mountain and Detroit Country Day skis all over the state.

"The Vikings demonstrated that you can learn to ski in Grayling and still compete with big hill people," said Coach Wieland.

The Girls competition was won by the host schools Boyne City and Charlevoix with 39 and 71 points. Grayling was 3rd with 96, Detroit Country Day was 4th with 115, Bellaire 5th with 131 and Inland Lakes 6th with 204.

The Girls all skied very well with Olson placing 3rd in giant slalom and 8th in slalom. Brooke Ginther was 5th in giant slalom and 12th in slalom. Hartman placed 11th in giant slalom and 15th in slalom. Kelly Jansen finished 21st in both events.

The Girls got behind Charlevoix in slalom by 24 points and then came back to within one point of them in giant slalom to keep the point spread from increasing. They tied with Detroit Country Day in slalom 56 - 56 and took the 3rd spot in the meet by defeating Detroit Country Day in the final event 40-59.

The Boys finished two points out of 2nd with 80 points. Boyne City was 1st with 59, Inland Lakes 78, Detroit Country Day 115, Charlevoix 135 and Bellaire 197.

The Boys got behind in giant slalom as Boyne City had 27, Inland Lakes 31 and Grayling 44.

"It could have been the big hill after dark as we really don't ski much after dark," said Coach Wieland.

The Boys then came back in slalom with Boyne City scoring 32, Grayling 36, Inland Lakes 47 to almost take 2nd place.

Top skiers were Thompson placing 6th in slalom and 9th in giant slalom; Hunter placed 7th and 10th; Matt Ginther was 10th and 14th; Trudgeon placed 17th and 11th; Quick and Mueller placed 13th and 15th in slalom; Boreo placed 17th in giant slalom and Paul Jansen fell in giant slalom placing 28th.

The Vikings will ski in the Flushing Treetops Invitational on Saturday, February 6, at 9 a.m.

GHS Wrestlers take 9th at Gaylord Invitational

The Grayling High School Wrestling Team finished ninth out of 22 teams at the Gaylord Invitational tournament on Saturday, January 30.

With 22 teams vying for medals, there was some tough competition.

Three Vikings earned medals at the Gaylord tourney: Matt Evon, 1st; Marc Weaver, 4th; and Joshua

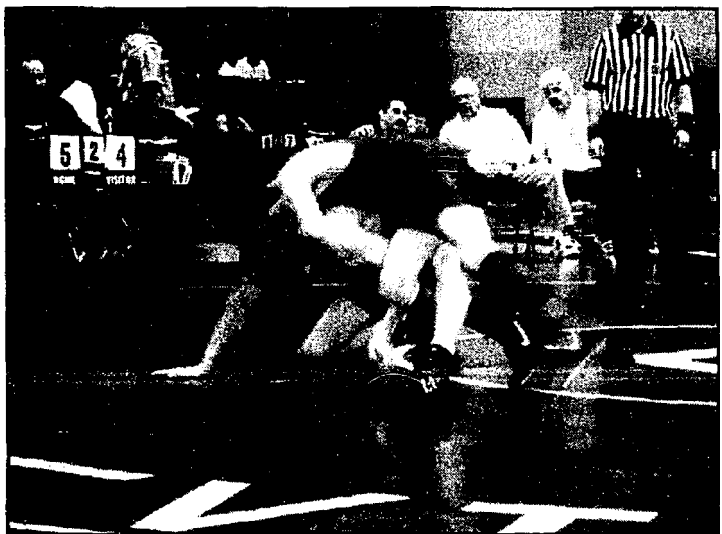
Niederer, 5th.

Also scoring points for the Vikings were: Larry Baker, Chris Peters, Andy Palmer, Ray Pyle, Travis Beckett and Peter Mead.

The GHS Wrestling Team will host Pinconning and Tawas on Wednesday, February 3, and will head to Gladwin on Saturday, February 6, for a round robin tournament.



MEDAL WINNERS -- (left to right) Marc Weaver, Matt Evon and Josh Niederer each took a medal at the 22-team Gaylord Invitational. Evon took a 1st, Weaver a 4th, and Niederer a 5th place medal.



Photos courtesy of Deb Weaver

WRAPPED UP -- A Grayling wrestler tangles with his opponent as Coach Ferguson and the referees watch the match.

DuBois Lumber

Viking of the Week



Skiing
Coach: Mike Wieland
KELLY JANSEN

Kelly had a 5th and 6th place finish against Farwell in slalom and giant slalom to help the Girls Team pull within one win of first place in the league.

DuBois Lumber

Viking of the Week



Skiing
Coach: Mike Wieland
MATT GINTHER

Matt Ginther, a sophomore, had two 2nd place finishes in slalom and a 3rd and 4th in giant slalom in league competition last week.

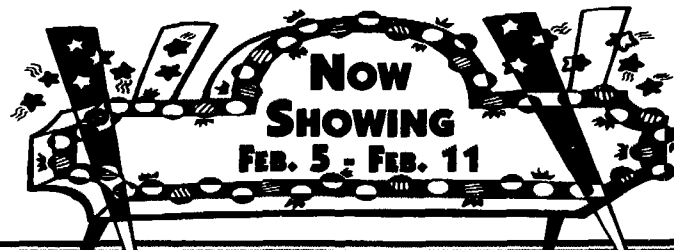
Wendy's

Viking of the Week



Wrestling
Coach: Don Ferguson
ANDY PALMER

Palmer won three matches for the Vikings last Saturday at the 22-team Gaylord Invitational tournament. GHS took ninth overall.



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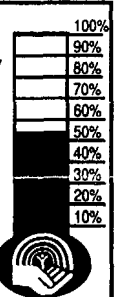


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Freshmen Team finishes strong to beat Falcons

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

With a strong fourth quarter performance, the GHS Freshmen Boys Basketball Team came out with a win last Thursday in a tough contest against the visiting Ogemaw Heights Falcons.

Ogemaw maintained a slim lead for most of the first period. With 18 seconds left in the quarter Ryan Stahl hit a three-pointer to tie the score at 17-17.

In the first few minutes of the second period the Vikings started to build up a lead, going on a 11-2 scoring run. Brandon Gorr and Nick D'Amour hit back-to-back three-point shots to put the Grayling lead at 28-19.

Ogemaw then scored six unanswered points to cut the GHS lead to three. Gorr grabbed a rebound and put the ball back up for the final two points of the half, putting the Vikes up 30-25.

Both teams were hurt by

turnovers, and both teams slowed the offensive production with full court-pressure defense.

After a relatively even third quarter, the Vikings outscored Ogemaw 20-12 in the fourth period to take the 65-54 win.

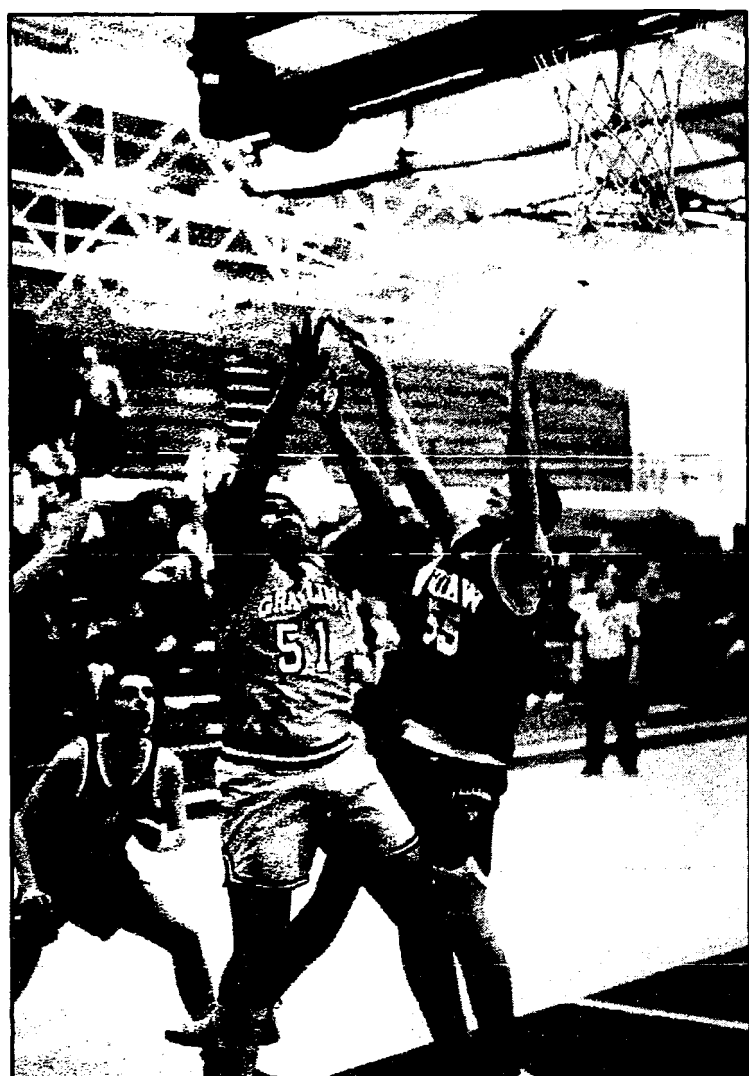
Ogemaw started out the period well, keeping Grayling's offense in check and scoring enough points to tie the game at 47-47 with 6:18 left in the game.

At the 5:18 mark, Stahl hit a three pointer to shift the momentum back to Grayling. GHS steadily built up a lead from there, and came up with the 11 point win.

The Falcons hurt themselves down the stretch by converting only six of 16 from the free throw line in the fourth quarter.

Stahl was the Grayling high scorer with 18 points. Gorr put in 15 points.

The Freshmen Team will host Tawas on Thursday, February 4. Game starts at 6:15 p.m.



GOING UP STRONG -- Ricky Riggs puts the ball over an Ogemaw defender.

MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Game #1 - Spikes 64 - Charlies 57. Spikes: Krey, 29; Thompson, 12. Charlies: Madsen, 14; T. Baynham, 12; R. Mertes, 10.

Game #2 - Glens 73 - Holiday Inn 58. Glens: T. Freeman, 17; Derenzy, 15; White, 14; Grant, 12. Holiday Inn: Madill, 15; Bonamie, 12; Millikin, 10.

Game #3 - Lange Vending 59 - Weyerhaeuser 55. Lange Vending: Croze, 20; Longendyke, 10; Modica, 10. Weyerhaeuser: Trenary, 19.


Game #4 - Sawmill 74 - Thermogas 56. Sawmill: Doremire, 24; Shoff, 20; Annis, 11.

Thermogas: Church, 26; Patterson, 12.

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High scorer for week #6 was Tim Krey with 29 points. The Grayling team will play for sole possession of 1st place on Wednesday, February 3, at 7 p.m.



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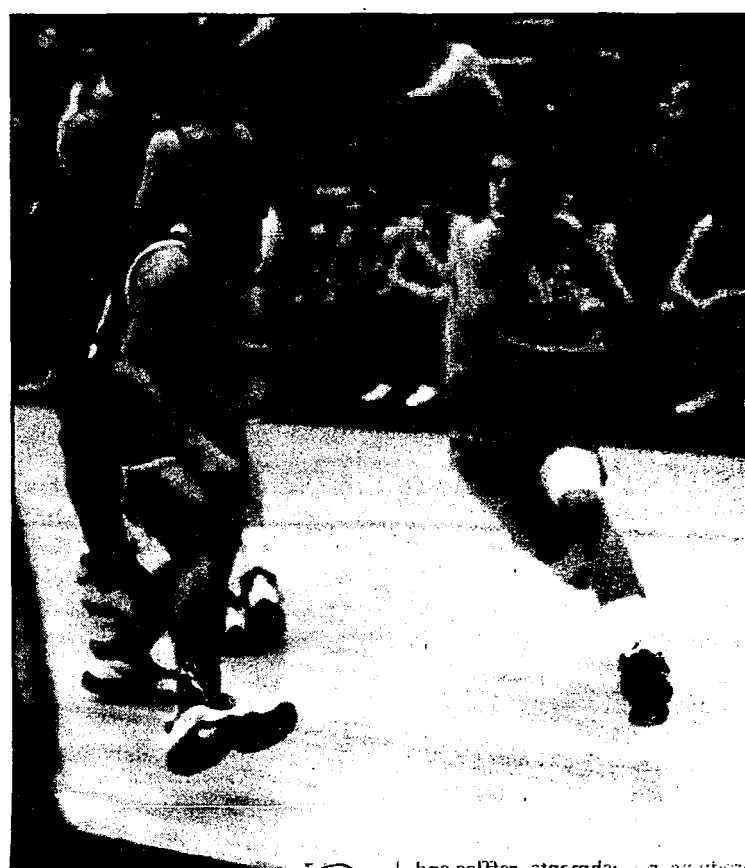
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8th grade Vikes lose a close one to Kalkaska

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

In what Coach Craig Hofman called the team's "best game of the year," the GMS 8th grade Boys Basketball squad lost to Kalkaska on Monday, January 25, by two points, 25-27.

Coach Hofman said he was pleased with the defensive effort put forth by his players, including playing steady full court pressure for the duration of the match. "We only gave up four points off the press the entire game," said Hofman.

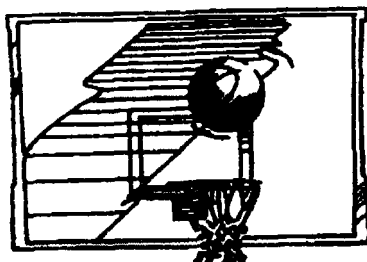
"The team played great all game but missed a ton of short jumpers and lay-ups," continued

Coach Hofman. "We only turned the ball over twice on the press to give you an idea of how many times we should have had an easy basket."

Adam Kaiser led the scoring with nine points. Todd Gaffke put in eight, and Chris Wakeley scored six points. James Kenney was the high rebounder with five.

The team had a tougher time against Gaylord on Wednesday, January 27, losing to the Blue Devils by 18 points, 17-35.

"We had a great defensive effort from Matt Strohpaal, and the entire team hustled. The second half intensity was there, but Gaylord started hitting their out-



side shots. We also turned the ball over a lot more," added Hofman.

Wakeley led the scoring with seven points. Strohpaal had the most rebounds with 12.

The GMS 8th graders will wrap up its '98-99 season on Monday, February 8, with the Roscommon Tournament.

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DEFENSE -- Danny Mahanney (#14), Travis Fagan (#42) and Todd Gaffke (#11) play defense against Roscommon.

Hanson Hills hosts X-country junior ski races

Hanson Hills hosted USSA Junior Qualifier cross country ski races last weekend, with the Classic races being held on Saturday, January 30, and the Freestyle on Sunday, January 31.

Participants were ages 14-19. The following are the race results:

USSA Junior Qualifier--Classic

Men's Overall Results (Place, Name, Time)

1. Max Weir	0:36:52
2. Trevon Cole	0:38:23
3. Michael Weir	0:38:28
4. Jake Zehnder	0:42:50
5. Kevin Coles	0:43:33
6. Keven Morgan	0:43:53
7. Jim Kreft	0:43:59

8. Nick Tiffany	0:45:29
9. Erik Butcher	0:57:05
10. Gregg Maki	1:02:26
11. Tim Nolan	1:04:43

Women's Overall Results (Place, Name, Time)

1. Katie Willis	0:22:12
2. Samantha Ex	0:22:32
3. Tricia Plum	0:22:47
4. Em Klemp	0:23:07
5. Danielle Correll	0:24:06
6. Nina Coulter	0:24:30
7. Colleen Haley	0:25:29
8. Katie Kreft	0:25:49
9. Liz Stallman	0:25:53
10. Dana Briski	0:28:22
11. Caitlin Prentice	0:28:59
12. Rebecca Ross	0:29:13

13. Meryl Estes	0:30:44
14. Emily Flynn	0:31:46
15. Leah Weitz	0:34:40
16. Kelly Sullivan	0:35:51
17. Rachel Castle	0:42:21
18. Sarah Castle	0:44:08

USSA Junior Qualifier--Freestyle

Men's Overall Results (Place, Name, Time)

1. Max Weir	0:31:45
2. Trevon Cole	0:32:49
3. Michael Weir	0:34:04
4. Jake Zehnder	0:34:06
5. Russ Tiles	0:36:15
6. Jim Kreft	0:37:06
7. Andy Monroe	0:37:07
8. Kevin Coles	0:37:54
9. Nick Tiffany	0:38:22

10. John Hart	0:38:50
11. Keven Morgan	0:39:23
12. Erik Butcher	0:43:05
13. Adam Johnson	0:44:06
14. Gregg Maki	0:49:05
15. Morgan Weir	0:49:11
16. Abraham Dhaseleer	0:51:41

Women's Overall Results (Place, Name, Time)

1. Em Klemp	0:21:04
2. Tricia Plum	0:21:44
3. Samantha Ex	0:22:25
4. Katie Willis	0:22:52
5. Danielle Correll	0:23:10
6. Katie Kreft	0:23:14
7. Colleen Haley	0:24:36
8. Caitlin Prentice	0:25:22
9. Meryl Estes	0:25:42



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

TIME KEEPERS -- (left to right) Bob Bovee, Kiwanis Club Advisor and Key Club Volunteers, Kim Ruley, Sam Moore and Brandy Plutko helped tabulate the times for the junior ski races held at Hanson Hills last weekend.

Local runners place at TC Frozen Foot racing events

More than 200 runners participated in the five and two mile races on Saturday, January 23, at the Traverse City "Frozen Foot" run.

Steve Seager of Grayling finished 5th overall and 1st in the Master's Division with a time of 29:45.

Other Grayling runners placed well, including Mark Jurkovich, who finished 4th in the 45-49 age group, and Christine Seager, who placed 5th overall in the women's race.

Local runner Dale French finished with a time of 45:07.

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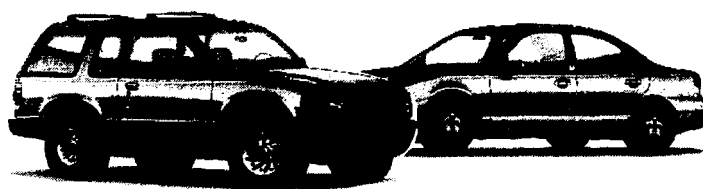
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Hiking Club offers free snowshoe lessons

The 1999 Winter Trails Day will be held on Saturday, February 13, at 10 national locations, including the Michigan Snowshoe Center in Roscommon.

Hiking clubs from California to Vermont will be hosts to the third annual Winter Trails celebration. On February 13 volunteer trail clubs will team with snowshoe manufacturers to hold 10 free events nationwide that introduce outdoor enthusiasts to the ease and joys of winter hiking.

Winter Trails, a program of the American Hiking Society and SnowSports Industries America, provides a venue where people of all ages can "test drive" a pair of snowshoes for free in a beautiful natural setting. The manufacturers will be there with demonstration snowshoes for participants to use and learn how easy it is to snowshoe.

The clubs will lead the winter hikes and conduct workshops on topics such as orienteering and winter safety.

The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All day activities include free snowshoe demonstrations, kids games, guided nature walks, win-

ter camping demonstrations, snowshoe art demonstrations, food, handouts from many snowshoe accessory companies, hourly prize drawings and a day filled with family fun!

Snowshoeing is one of the fastest growing winter sports for the family.

"Snow shoes are surprisingly easy to use," said Terry Cummings of American Hiking. "Anyone who walks or hikes can master snowshoeing within a few minutes of putting them on their feet. And getting to the trail in winter is a special treat. The landscape and views are surprisingly new and fresh. And the kids can track rabbits and mice in the snow."

"Winter Trails events are fun and educational, and best of all they're free," added Cummings.

In addition to snowshoes, snowshoeing, and workshops there will

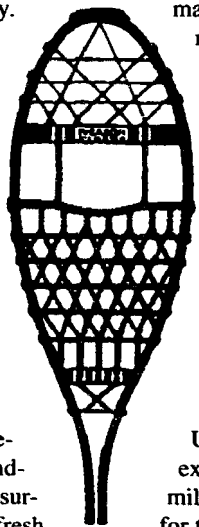
be demonstrations of outdoor products, refreshments, raffles and free samples. The day is free and open to everyone.

The trail clubs that host the events want people to experience the trail in winter because of its unique character. These clubs maintain the trails in the warmer months with volunteer labor and will be using volunteers to plan and staff Winter Trails. These stewards of the nation's trails are catering to a surge of interest in winter outings on the trail.

Directions to the Michigan Snowshoe Center: From I-75 take exit #244 (North Higgins Lake) and proceed 1 mile west; from US-27 take the Military Road exit (mile 224) and proceed 4.5 miles east. Signage will be posted for the event.

For more information contact the Michigan Snowshoe Center at 1-800-478-8151 or AHS/Snowlink at 1-888-SNO-HIKE.

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YOUTH SKI RACING CLINIC

Area children enjoyed another day of sunshine and great skiing conditions for week three of the Citizen's Bank race clinic at Hanson Hills.

"We had thirty-eight kids come out to take part in today's race clinic," said program director John Alef. John went on to say "we also had competitors in the pre-school and kindergarten group for the first time this season, 'it's really neat to see these children take an interest in racing at such an early age.'"

Melissa Kalonich was the top skier in the pre-school and kindergarten girls group. Zach Mech was first for the pre-school and kindergarten boys., Bradley Biggs took 2nd.

Gracie Calkins finished 1st in the 1st and 2nd grade group,

Haley McMahon finished 2nd. Michael Olson was once again the top skier for the 1st and 2nd grade boys.

Rachel Doremire skied to the 1st place finish for the 3rd and 4th grade girls, Avery Diola finished 2nd, Jessi Riddle finished 3rd, Gabby Calkins finished 4th, and Ashley Jurkovich finished 5th. Andrew Hart stepped up the pace to lead the 3rd and 4th grade boys, with Kody Diola in 2nd, Scot Olson in 3rd, Jimmy Hilbrecht in 4th, and Brandon McMahon in 5th.

Beth Lucey put together a couple of fast runs to lead the 5th and 6th grade girls, with Jill Seager in 2nd, Jodi Riddle in 3rd, and Mandy Scott in 4th. Trevor Clough continued to lead the 5th and 6th grade boys, with Greg

Kalonich in 2nd, Alex McNamara in 3rd, Patrick McNally in 4th, Jon Handy in 5th, Anthony Neal in 6th, Ben Lucey in 7th, Jimmy Jansen in 8th, Ryan Mech in 9th, and Eric Jurkovich in 10th.

Andrea Alvarez was the top skier for the 7th and 8th grade girls, with Heather Vandercar in 2nd, Nicole Doremire in 3rd, and Allison Diola in 4th. Matt Seager put together the fastest runs of the day to lead the 7th and 8th grade boys, with Josh Jurkovich in 2nd, Tom Failing in 3rd, and Brandon Burrick in 4th.

Next week the race clinic will shift gears and host the 1999 Winter Wolf/Citizen's Bank obstacle course race. This is a fun race open to all ages. Bring the family and come out to Hanson Hills to enjoy the events and competition.

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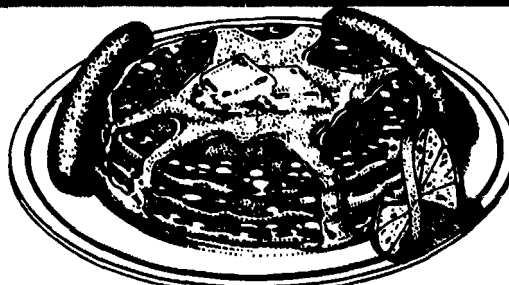
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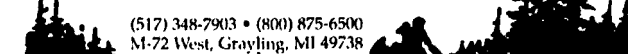
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11:00 a.m. - Winter Wolf Challenge Cross Country Event at Hanson Hills. Mass Start, Freestyle race follows the yellow trail approximately 8.4 Km.

12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. - History of Hanson Hills Display in the Main Lodge by the Crawford County Historical Society.

12:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. - Chili Cook-Off, sponsored by Mercy Hospital

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Stock #9519P... **SALE \$32,975**

1989 BRONCO II 4X4
Stock #7406A. \$189.00 per month*... **SALE \$5,375**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1998 CHEROKEE LAREDO
Stock #9585P. \$440.00 per month*... **SALE \$21,875**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1990 TRACKER 4X4
Stock #9535A. \$169.00 per month*... **SALE \$4,975**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

TRUCKS

1999 SILVERADO X-CAB 4X4
Stock #7369B... **SALE \$26,600**

1998 CHEVY 4X4
Stock #7060A. \$375.00 per month*... **SALE \$18,675**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1998 CHEVY 4X4 X-CAB
Stock #7305A. \$479.00 per month*... **SALE \$23,875**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1998 CHEVY 4X4 X-CAB
Stock #7363A. \$448.00 per month*... **SALE \$21,975**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1998 CHEVY 4X4 X-CAB
Stock #7321A... **SALE \$24,575**

1998 CHEVY 4X4 X-CAB
Stock #7411A... **SALE \$24,975**

1996 CHEVY X-CAB 2 WD
Stock #9554A. \$319.00 per month*... **SALE \$15,975**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1995 CHEVY X-CAB 2 WD
Stock #9557P. \$383.00 per month*... **SALE \$12,975**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1995 S-10 PICKUP
Stock #9575B. \$149.00 per month*... **SALE \$6,875**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1995 CHEVY 4X4 PICKUP
Stock #9528P. \$305.00 per month*... **SALE \$13,975**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1992 GMC PICKUP
Stock #7416A... **SALE \$8,875**

1992 S-10 4X4 X-CAB
Stock #7392A. \$305.00 per month*... **SALE \$8,975**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

VANS

1998 SAFARI AWD MINI VAN
Stock #9555P. \$398.00 per month*... **SALE \$19,900**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1997 SILHOUETTE
Stock #7387A. \$331.00 per month*... **SALE \$15,975**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1997 SILHOUETTE
Stock #7275A. \$341.00 per month*... **SALE \$16,975**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1997 ASTRO VAN
Stock #7441A. \$319.00 per month*... **SALE \$15,975**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1994 CHEVY CONVERSION VAN
Stock #7177A. \$309.00 per month*... **SALE \$12,975**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1992 ASTRO VAN
Stock #7349A. \$849.00 per month*... **SALE \$7,375**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

*All monthly payments include tax, title & license with approved credit. 1997 & newer-8.25%/66 months; 1996-8.15%/60 months; 1995-8.49%/60 months; 1994-8.75%/64 months; 1993-8.99%/42 months; 1992 & older-9.49%/36 months.

1991 FORD VAN
Stock #9493C. \$156.00 per month*... **SALE \$4,575**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1990 DODGE RAM VAN
Stock #7300B. \$228.00 per month*... **SALE \$2,975**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1985 CARAVAN
Stock #7310B... **SALE \$1,375**

CARS

1998 MALIBU SEDAN
Stock #9523P. \$288.00 per month*... **SALE \$13,975**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1998 ACHEVA SEDAN
Stock #9534P. \$233.00 per month*... **SALE \$11,575**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1997 FORD ASPIRE
Stock #7341A. \$199.00 per month*... **SALE \$4,875**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1997 METRO SEDAN
Stock #9546P. \$159.00 per month*... **SALE \$7,975**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1996 REGAL SEDAN
Stock #9539A. \$203.00 per month*... **SALE \$9,375**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1996 CAVALIER SEDAN
Stock #9495P. \$172.00 per month*... **SALE \$7,975**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1996 CORSICA SEDAN
Stock #9505P. \$183.00 per month*... **SALE \$7,575**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1996 LESABRE LIMITED SEDAN
Stock #7421A. \$293.01 per month*... **SALE \$13,500**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1995 BERETTA COUPE
Stock #7455A. \$165.00 per month*... **SALE \$7,575**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1995 SUPREME SEDAN
Stock #9505P. \$218.00 per month*... **SALE \$9,975**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1994 NINETY EIGHT ELITE
Stock #7360A. \$235.00 per month*... **SALE \$9,875**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1994 EIGHTY EIGHT SEDAN
Stock #7326A. \$211.00 per month*... **SALE \$8,800**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1994 LESABRE CUSTOM SEDAN
Stock #7121B. \$209.00 per month*... **SALE \$8,775**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1993 CIERA SEDAN
Stock #7309B. \$116.00 per month*... **SALE \$3,875**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1993 CENTURY SEDAN
Stock #7064A. \$194.00 per month*... **SALE \$6,575**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1993 EIGHTY EIGHT SEDAN
Stock #9525P. \$207.00 per month*... **SALE \$6,975**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1992 GRAND AM SE
Stock #7419B. \$149.00 per month*... **SALE \$4,375**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1991 TORONADO TROFEO
Stock #9513P. \$205.00 per month*... **SALE \$5,975**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1990 GRAND PRIX GTS COUPE
Stock #9541P. \$237.00 per month*... **SALE \$6,975**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1990 EIGHTY EIGHT SEDAN
Stock #9548P... **SALE \$2,575**

1989 TAURUS WAGON
Stock #9518A. \$89.00 per month*... **SALE \$2,375**
"And not a dime out of your pocket!"

1989 EIGHTY EIGHT SEDAN
Stock #9539P... **SALE \$3,375**

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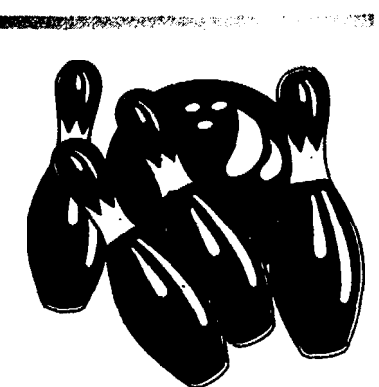
BOWLING LEAGUE

Pioneer League	
Custom Interior	16 - 4
Avalanche	13.5 - 6.5
Mercy Hospital	11 - 9
Aunt Betty's	10 - 10
Ginger's	9.5 - 10.5
Chemical Bank	8.5 - 11.5
Millikin's	7 - 13
Lady Slippers	4.5 - 15.5
High Game: S. Sumner, 121; T. Parker, 199; B. Lozon, 196.	
High Series: T. Parker, 528; J. Hinds, 520; M. Kroell, 505.	
Recreation League	



Peterson Saw Service	23 - 5
Fun - N - Sun Rental	17 - 11
Mark 8	14 - 14
Mickey Perez CPA	13 - 15
Scheer Motors	12 - 16
Glen's Market	12 - 16
Cornell	12 - 16
Gray Rock Cafe	9 - 19
High Game: A. Mastej, 201 and 191; L. Dellar, 194.	
High Series: A. Mastej, 537; M. Perez, 502; K. Moshier, 492.	
Friday Mixed Double	
Charlie's Country Corner	14 - 6
Moshier Auto Repair	11.5 - 8.5
Hilltop Manor HCC	11 - 9
Just Us	10.5 - 9.5
Fick & Sons	10 - 10
R. Calkins & Sons	9 - 11
Aunt Betty's	7 - 13
Sawmill	7 - 13
High Game Men: D. Canfield, 205; L. Helsel, 200; M. Campbell, 193.	
High Series Men: L. Helsel, 545; M. Campbell, 535; D. Canfield, 528.	

High Game Women: S. Phillips, 207; M. Moshier, 191; K. Moshier, 189.	
High Series Women: S. Phillips, 553; S. Sumner, 527; M. Moxhier, 503.	
Northwood	
Rich's Cycle Service	13 - 7
Darrell's Roofing	13 - 7
R. Calkins & Sons	12 - 8
R & M Masonry	12 - 8
Millikin's	11 - 9
Rochette's	8 - 12
Milltown Chiropractic	6 - 14
Shady Acres Party Store	5 - 15
High Game: P. D'Amour, 208; D. Roman, 192; J. Hinds, 187.	
High Series: P. D'Amour, 538; J. Hinds, 525; N. Glasslee, 504.	
Senior Citizen League	
Flowers By Josie	42 - 34
Sylvester's Sports	41.5 - 34.5
Cornell Realty	40 - 36
Tees 'N' Such 'R' Us	39 - 37
Totten's Body Shop	39 - 37



Baynham Forest Proucts	37.5 - 38.5
Buccilli's Pizza	33 - 43
Stevens Family Circle	32 - 44
Men's High Game: J. Rasmussen, 234; O. Brantley, 195; G. Wolfe, 185.	
Men's High Series: J. Rasmussen, 556; K. Harris, 526; G. Wolfe, 524.	
Women's High Game: P. Harris, 172; M. Tarr, 170; D. Mead, 169.	
Women's High Series: M. Tarr, 476; P. Harris, 465; D. Mead, 453.	

FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

Grayling Recreation Authority News

WINTER WOLF FESTIVAL - Participate in the fun filled activities at Hanson Hills February 5, 6, and 7. Highlights of the Festival include the Business Olympics, Nate the Clown, Take your Daughter to the Slopes (daughters ski free with parent), Horse Drawn Sleigh rides (sign up by Thursday, February 4, to secure a seat), free lessons, Snow Show Archery, Snowboard Competition, \$1 Ski Night, Chili Cook off and much more. For times and dates pick up a Winter Wolf Brochure at Hanson Hills or call (517) 348-9266.

WINTER WOLF CHALLENGE -- This triathlon takes place Saturday, February 7. The event starts at Ray's Canoe Livery and heads downstream to Rayburn's property, following this portion will be the Snow Shoe Event and the Competition will finish with a Nordic Ski race at Hanson Hills that follows the yellow trail. Pre-registration is \$15. Registrations will be accepted the day of for \$20 at 8 a.m. For more information pick up a race brochure at Hanson Hills or call (517) 348-9266.

USSA RACES -- Approximately 50 racers came to Hanson Hills to participate in the Junior Olympic Qualifier. Beautiful weather and exceptional trail conditions made for an excellent race week-end.

SKI SCHOOL -- Sign up for four weeks of ski school for only \$49. Price includes lesson, equipment and tow ticket. Class starts February 6, 1999. Classes are Thursday and Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. For more information call (517) 348-9266.

MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY -- Saturday, February 13, we will be conducting clinics for members beginning at 2 p.m. The ski shop will conduct a ski maintenance clinic. Learn to properly wax and sharpen your equipment. Afterwards members can have their skis waxed and sharpened for only \$10 and snowboards for only \$15. First come first served, the clinic ends at 4 p.m. Ladies interested in refining technique can sign up for a clinic with Jessica for



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

DEFENDING CHILI COOK-OFF CHAMPS -- Karen Hatley and Lynn Ferrigan accept the chili cook-off trophy at last year's Winter Wolf Festival on behalf of the Mercy Hospital's winning recipe.

on \$5. The clinic will be conducted in a group setting, take place at the Outback and suggestions will be taken at the beginning of the lesson in order to address individuals strengths and weakness. Gentlemen can participate in the same clinic at 5 p.m. There will also be a meal special in the snack bar.

SWEETHEARTS SPECIAL -- Sunday, February 14, bring your sweetheart skiing at Hanson Hills for half price with the purchase of a regular priced ticket. Enjoy quality time with your sweetheart at Hanson Hills skiing, snow-

boarding, tubing, skating, etc.
ROLLERBLADE HOCKEY - Begins February 13. Register by February 5. The Registration fee is \$25. Sign up now and save. Late registration is \$30.

SNOWBOARD CLUB -- Club Meeting Wednesday, February 3, at 5:18 p.m. in the Main Lodge at Hanson Hills. Join the club and receive community service hours for High School Graduation. It is a great time spent with friends helping our community. Season memberships may also be worked off through this club. For more information call Jessica at (517) 348-9266.

INTERNET -- Visit us at our new home page www.hansonhills.org or e-mail us at hnhills@mich.com. You can check out all the happenings at Hanson Hills.

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Standings

Sawmill II	154
Plaza	126
Spikes	123
Legion	112
Frederic Inn	108
Sawmill, I	93
5 Ball Run: Dee, Cookie, Vicki P., Barb W., and Bonnie.	
6 Ball Run: Dawn D.	
7 Ball Run: Beth P.	
Won all 6 games: Dawn and Vicki of Spikes.	

Men's Standings

Frederic Inn	48 - 24
Tadpoles	48 - 24
Red Barn	43 - 29
Riverside	40 - 32
Legion	37 - 35
Red Barn II	37 - 35
Frogies	18 - 54
Plaza	17 - 55
8 Ball Run on Break: Duane of Tadpoles.	
8 Ball Run: Kelly of Tadpoles.	
7 Ball Run: Roger and Jim of Red Barn II, Scott of Red Barn, and Frank of Riverside.	
Won all games: Jim and Currie of Red Barn II.	

TOP Video movies

Jackie Chan Chris Tucker
RUSH HOUR

Anne Hathaway
RETURN TO PARADISE

Sundance award winner
SMOKE SIGNALS

Alan Arkin Martin Tormei
SLIMS OF BEVERLY HILLS

Lloyd Bridges
MAFIA

Jim Carrey
THE TRUMAN SHOW

Disco, at Studio 54
54

Vance Williams
DANCE WITH ME

Angela Basset
HOW STELLA GOT HER GROOVE BACK

TV's Dawson's Creek co-stars
DISTURBING BEHAVIOR

George Clooney Jennifer Lopez
OUT OF SIGHT

The All New Sport
BASEBALL

Ralph Fiennes Uma Thurman Sean Connery
THE AVENGERS

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348-5224

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 11th day January 1999 Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Stevens at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Stevens, Golnick, Ruddy, Palmer, Brown.

Members Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, J.C. King, Terry McGregor, Leonard Graf, Pete Stephan, Gloria Stephan, Caleb Casey, Dennis Palmer, Skylynn Palmer.

99-01 Moved by Golnick, supported by Ruddy that the minutes of the meeting of December 14, 1998 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Public Hearing. None.

Communications were received and noted.

M.M.L. Legislative Bulletin re: Resolution supporting Drinking Water Regulations.

99-02 Moved by Golnick, supported by Ruddy that

Council Resolution Supporting Drinking Water Regulations

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) together with organizations like the National League of Cities (NLC) and the Michigan Municipal League (MML) are cooperating on efforts to implement federal and state statutes designed to protect the environment and public health; and

WHEREAS, the EPS is working with the NLC, the American Water Works Association (AWWA), and other groups to develop and implement administrative rules governing the 1996 amendments to the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) and

WHEREAS, municipalities nationwide are in the process of developing "Consumer Confidence Reports" to water supply customers and working with state environmental regulatory agencies to develop "Source Water Assessment Programs" to identify potential risks to sources of drinking water; and

WHEREAS, officials in the DEQ's Drinking Water and Radiological Protection Division are revising the state's administrative rules governing public water supplies to complement actions being taken by EPA; and

WHEREAS, the MML, through its affiliate the AWWA-Michigan Section is actively involved in the development of these rules and regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Grayling supports the efforts of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, working with groups like the National League of Cities, the American Waterworks Association and the Michigan Municipal League to implement through administrative rules federal and state statutes already in place to safeguard the nation's water supply; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Grayling supports efforts by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, working with the AWWA-Michigan Section to obtain sufficient funding to conduct a thorough source water assessment program throughout the State of Michigan.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Old Business.

1999 Sidewalk Program Authorization.

99-03 Moved by Golnick, supported by Palmer to authorize scheduling as proposed for the 1999 Sidewalk Program.

Advertising for bids February 2

Bid Opening March 3

Council Award of

Contract March 29

Signing of Contract April 15

Begin Construction May 10

Complete Construction August 20

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

1999 Cemetery Discussion. Ms. Palmer asked when the last rate increase was made. Mr. Stephan said it had been about 15 years. Ms. Palmer thought the increase was high. Mr. Golnick agreed and there was a discussion held on the cost, closing of road in cemetery and other concerns.

99-04 Moved by Stevens, supported by Brown to accept proposal as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

99-05 Moved by Brown, supported by Golnick that July 1, 1999 the new cemetery rates will be in effect and that the new rate schedule will be published in the Avalanche once in April and once in June. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

1999 Water Rate Discussion. Mr. Morford presented a Michigan Rural Water Association Study of water rates which determined that a rate of \$1.37 per thousand gallons is needed for operation and maintenance

only.

Moved by Golnick, that water rates be increased to \$1.15 per thousand gallons effective July 1, 1999. Mr. Golnick withdrew motion for lack of support.

99-06 Moved by Stevens, supported by Ruddy to increase water rates to \$1.25 per thousand gallons effective January 1, 1999 with first bill under new rates to be the April 25, 1999 billing. Water rates are to be reviewed in one year to determine need for further changes. Ayes: 4, Nays: 1 (Golnick), Absent: 0, motion carried.

Mr. Golnick asked why there were no gift certificates for Christmas this year. Mr. Stevens explained to Council reasons he didn't bring this up at a Council meeting before December 14, 1998. Council agreed to discuss the matter at budget time for future years.

New Business

Summer Tax Collection Agreement with COOR, Crawford AuSable Schools and Kirtland Community College.

99-07 Moved by Golnick, supported by Brown to collect the taxes of COOR, Crawford AuSable Schools and Kirtland Community College with the 1999 Summer Taxes as has been past practice. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Income Tax Program

Improvements/Computers, etc.

99-08 Moved by Golnick, supported by Ruddy to accept the proposal from the City Treasurer to update the Income Tax Department with new computers, software and technical assistance in the amount of \$46,705 as shown in the memo from the City Treasurer and to take the cash for said improvements from income tax money on hand as necessary expenses for efficient future operation of the system. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Mr. Morford presented a proposal for improvements of all computer work stations in the city offices for a total cost of \$4,124. This expense would upgrade the assessing office, the city treasurer's office and the deputy clerk's office and make all of them Y2K compliant by replacing five years old equipment with new state of the art computers. He also noted that changing to 32 bit programs for Fund Balance operations would cost \$11,000 to be in a future budget.

99-09 Moved by Ruddy, supported by Palmer to approve all recommended computer upgrades including the \$11,000 for Fund Balance 32 bit programs and to authorize city manager and city treasurer to proceed with updates as soon as possible. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Mr. Morford noted that the BS&A program for Assessing will also require an upgrade to become Y2K and Windows ready, however we do not have the cost data for this at present and will advise council when we are ready to propose the change.

Crawford County Multi Use Pathway Committee. Mr. Morford presented a proposed letter supporting the proposed trail.

99-10 Moved by Stevens, supported by Golnick to send a letter of support to the Crawford County Multi Use Pathway Committee as requested. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Citizens who wish to speak. None.

Reports of City Manager.

New executive Scott Tilford for the M.M.L. Insurance Pool.

Lakes States Railway Letter. Use of crossing going to the spray irrigation site. City Manager and City Attorney are working on this matter.

Reports of Council Members.

Mr. Golnick noted that the handicap sign in front of the post office is gone. City Manager will look into it and see what happened.

Ms. Brown asked about sidewalk shoveling ordinance, some not safe for traveling, plows keep plugging up corners.

Ms. Brown had a question regarding junk around the rental place on Vilas Street.

Adjournment.

99-11 Moved by Stevens, supported by Golnick that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford

City Manager & City Clerk

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Morey E. Denton and Debra J. Denton, his wife, to Mortgage America, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 9, 1997, and recorded on July 30, 1997. In Liber 434, on page 387-396, Crawford Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to IMC Mortgage Company, a Florida corporation, by an assignment dated July 9, 1997, and recorded on August 17, 1997. In Liber 435, on page 543-544, Crawford County

Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY AND 87/100 DOLLARS. (\$74,940.87), including interest at 13.50% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Building in the city of Grayling, Crawford County Michigan, at 10 a.m., on March 17, 1999.

Said premises are situated in the township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

PARCEL "A": Part of the Town 25 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of Section 12, Town 25 North, Range 4 West, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County Michigan; commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 12, thence North 0 degrees 50 minutes 30 seconds East (along the E. Sec. line), 664 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 31 minutes West, 659.06 feet, thence North 0 degrees 50 minutes 30 seconds East, 338 feet, thence North 89 degrees 31 minutes East, 659.06 feet to the East Section line, thence South 0 degrees 50 minutes 30 seconds West 338 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Tax ID # 051-012-016-020-03.

The redemption period shall be Twelve months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 4, 1999

JACK F. GARDNER

Attorney for Assignee

SUITE 215-21415 Civic Center Dr.

Southfield, MI 48076-3953

(248) 352-7020

IMC MORTGAGE COMPANY,

Assignee of Mortgage

-4-11-18-25-4

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Crawford County

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by: Ray D. McIntyre to Midwest Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 25, 1996, and recorded on November 27, 1996, in Liber 422, on page 156, Crawford County Records, Michigan, in which the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the Court Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m., on March 17, 1999.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

LOT(S) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 AND 8, BLOCK 2, PORTAGE LAKE PARK 5TH EDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 01 OF PATS, PAGE 24, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS. TAX ID # 045-765-02-001-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL

600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 26, 1999

Midwest Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

30300 Northwestern Highway, Suite 222

Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334

(248) 212-2841

-4-11-18-25-4

PUBLIC NOTICE CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

PROPOSED STATE AND FEDERAL SECTION 5311 (FORMER SECTION 18) APPLICATION FOR OPERATING AND CAPITAL ASSISTANCE

All citizens are advised that the Crawford County Transportation Authority (CCTA) has prepared an application for State of Michigan financial assistance for fiscal year 2000, as required under Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended and for federal Section 5311 (former Section 18)) assistance as required under the Federal Transit Act, as amended.

The CCTA is requesting Six Hundred Seventeen Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars (\$617,693) in state operating assistance for general public transit services; One Hundred Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$105,616) for Federal Section 5311 operating assistance; and Five Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$583,500) for five replacement buses equipped with wheelchair lifts and other capital replacement items.

The proposed application is stored on an electronic file at the CCTA administrative offices and may be reviewed during the month of February 1999. An appointment may be scheduled to review the application by telephoning 348-8215.

Written comments regarding the application and/or written requests for a public hearing to review the application must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 1999. If a hearing is requested, notice of the scheduled date, time and location will be provided at least 10 days in advance.

Submittals should be mailed to:

Crawford County Transportation Authority

4276 West North Down River Road

Grayling, Michigan 49738

"The Crawford County Transportation Authority is an EOE/AA Organization"

"Proposals from Certified DBE/WBE Vendors are Requested"



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Crawford County Avalanche

Valentine Greeting in the

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Crawford County Avalanche

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102 Mich. Ave., Grayling

date hereof the sum of SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX AND 9/100 DOLLARS (\$62,366.91), including interest at 11.125% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 6/1 and 12/1 of each year.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M., on March 3, 1999.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 3, Block 5, Hadley's Amended Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 08, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated January 21, 1999

Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

(248) 642-4202

Trott and Trott, P.C.

Attorneys for Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee

30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 981212815

-21-28-4-11-18

STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Independent Probate

File No. 99-5924-IE

Estate of PHYLLIS J. SAUTER, deceased 374-28-1082.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following: The decedent, whose last known address was 1348 I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, MI 49738, died 01/14/99.

Instrument dated 7/4/92 and Codicil have been admitted as the will and codicil of the decedent.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, Darrel M. Sauter, c/o David R. Sabin, 115 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738, or to both the independent personal representative and the Crawford County Probate Court, Grayling, Michigan 49738, within four months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

David R. Sabin P19822, Attorney

115 Michigan Avenue

Grayling MI 49738 (517) 348-5588

Beaver Creek - Tentative Ratios and Factors - 1999					
101	Agricultural	1,503,600	1,523,713	49.34	1.0133
201	Commercial	1,018,300	1,164,038	43.74	1.1431
301	Industrial	193,300	193,300	50.00	1.0000
401	Residential	28,351,390	30,270,543	46.83	1.0676
501	Timber Cut-Over	0	0	0	0
601	Developmental	0	0	0	0
	Total Real	31,066,590	33,151,594	46.85	1.0629
	Total Personal	8,614,500	8,616,126	49.99	1.0002
	Total Township	39,681,090	41,767,720	N/A	N/A
Grayling - Tentative Ratios and Factors - 1999					
101	Agricultural	1,005,700	1,040,451	48.33	1.0345
201	Commercial	5,375,900	5,750,856	46.74	1.0697
301	Industrial	21,472,100	21,688,990	49.50	1.0101
401	Residential	113,310,800	118,575,555	47.78	1.0464
501	Timber Cut-Over	0	0	0	0
601	Developmental	0	0	0	0
	Total Real	141,164,500	147,055,852	48.00	1.0401
	Total Personal	6,218,700	6,219,547	49.99	1.0002
	Total Township	147,383,200	153,275,399	N/A	N/A
Lovells - Tentative Ratios and Factors - 1999					
101	Agricultural	2,369,000	2,397,288	49.41	1.0119
201	Commercial	899,700	1,044,463	43.07	1.1609
301	Industrial	0	0	0	0
401	Residential	28,798,306	34,480,731	41.76	1.1973
501	Timber Cut-Over	0	0	0	0
601	Developmental	0	0	0	0
	Total Real	32,067,006	37,922,482	48.00	1.1544
	Total Personal	5,986,342	5,988,849	49.98	1.0004
	Total Township	38,053,348	43,911,331	N/A	N/A
Maple Forest - Tentative Ratios and Factors - 1999					
101	Agricultural	209,500	218,594	47.92	1.0434
201	Commercial	361,400	379,989	48.06	1.0403
301	Industrial	627,600	636,770	49.28	1.0146
401	Residential	10,613,000	11,367,824	46.68	1.0711
501	Timber Cut-Over	0	0	0	0
601	Developmental	0	0	0	0
	Total Real	11,811,500	12,603,177	47.45	1.0628
	Total Personal	2,099,100	2,099,272	49.99	1.0002
	Total Township	13,910,600	14,702,449	N/A	N/A
South Branch - Tentative Ratios and Factors - 1999					
101	Agricultural	1,347,800	1,353,485	49.79	1.0042
201	Commercial	355,800	366,880	48.49	1.0311
301	Industrial	0	0	0	0
401	Residential	48,031,600	49,918,520	48.11	1.0392
501	Timber Cut-Over	0	0	0	0
601	Developmental	0	0	0	0
	Total Real	49,735,200	51,638,885	48.16	1.0369
	Total Personal	2,780,100	2,787,050	49.87	1.0026
	Total Township	52,515,300	54,425,935	N/A	N/A
City of Grayling - Tentative Ratios and Factors - 1999					
101	Agricultural	0	0	0	0
201	Commercial	20,542,400	21,886,214	46.93	1.0654
301	Industrial	4,099,400	4,258,675	48.13	1.0388
401	Residential	13,294,100	13,830,733	48.06	1.0403
501	Timber Cut-Over	0	0	0	0
601	Developmental	0	0	0	0
	Total Real	37,935,900	39,975,622	47.45	1.0510
	Total Personal	6,198,000	6,221,154	49.81	1.0038
	Total Township	44,133,900	46,196,776	N/A	N/A

FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of February 7-13

ARIES March 21-April 20

You've made all the romantic plans for a special Valentine's Day. Did you check with your partner? Don't go any further until you do. Watch yourself at work this week. With so much on your mind, be sure you don't speak before you think it through.

TAURUS April 21-May 21

You've worked really hard planning a special dinner. Don't let your guest's attitude get to you. He/she may have had a very bad day. Stay away from idle gossip this week at work. If you don't, it may come back to haunt you.

GEMINI May 22-June 21

Diplomacy is your key word this week. You will need to practice it at home and at work. At home, things may go from bad to worse concerning a family member. Hang in there—changes are just around the corner and will help ease tensions.

CANCER June 22-July 22

A friend is trying to influence you on a big decision. Don't take his/her advice without thoroughly checking it out first. Before you finalize your weekend plans, be sure to check the family schedule first. You don't want to miss an important occasion.

LEO July 23-August 23

Before you open up to someone at work, think. It could be that person is more interested in your job than in your ideas or problems. So don't put yourself in a vulnerable position. Keep your emotions under control.

VIRGO August 24-September 22

Don't let someone else's pessimistic attitude about Valentine's Day spoil your fun. Ignore him/her and plan a wonderful day for a special friend. Work may be slow right now, but watch out. Things are going to pick up and get better.

LIBRA September 23-October 23

So you want a little more sizzle in your love life? Now is the time to plan it. With Valentine's Day just around the corner, you'll have a perfect chance to put the romance in a great relationship. Don't let a problem at home get you down.

SCORPIO October 24-November 22

Keep personal information to yourself at this time so it doesn't come back to hurt you at work. A costly night out is not the answer to your problems. You can enjoy time with friends, but do it wisely and don't outspend the budget you've set.

SAGITTARIUS November 23-December 21

An old idea of yours may be just the thing to present at a meeting this week. At least you can get some feedback from others on its value. If you go further with it, remember to be charming and not forceful, and a little humor will go a long way.

CAPRICORN December 22-January 20

If you're involved in any kind of negotiations this week, get agreements in writing. It will work to your benefit in the long run. You know that minor problem at home? Take care of it now before it gets out of hand and becomes a major problem.

AQUARIUS January 21-February 18

Your people-oriented attitude will be very valuable to you this week. A person you are acquainted with at work may come to you for advice. Your personality will make that person feel more comfortable and at ease in a new situation.

PISCES February 19-March 20

The doors of communication will open wide this week, all because you look at a challenge in the workplace with a sense of humor. That sense of humor will help you gain allies and will put you in a good light with management.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

TROPICAL PINEAPPLE CRISP NACHOS

1/3 cup plus 1 tsp. all-purpose flour
3 tbsp. packed brown sugar
2 tbsp. flaked coconut
2 tbsp. margarine, softened
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1 8 oz. can pineapple tidbits or crushed, well drained
2 tbsp. granulated sugar
2 nine-inch flour tortillas
Vanilla Yogurt (optional)

Heat oven to 375°F.

Combine 1/3 cup flour, brown sugar, coconut, mar-

garine and cinnamon in small bowl until crumbly; set aside.

In another small bowl stir together pineapple, granulated sugar and remaining 1 teaspoon flour until evenly coated.

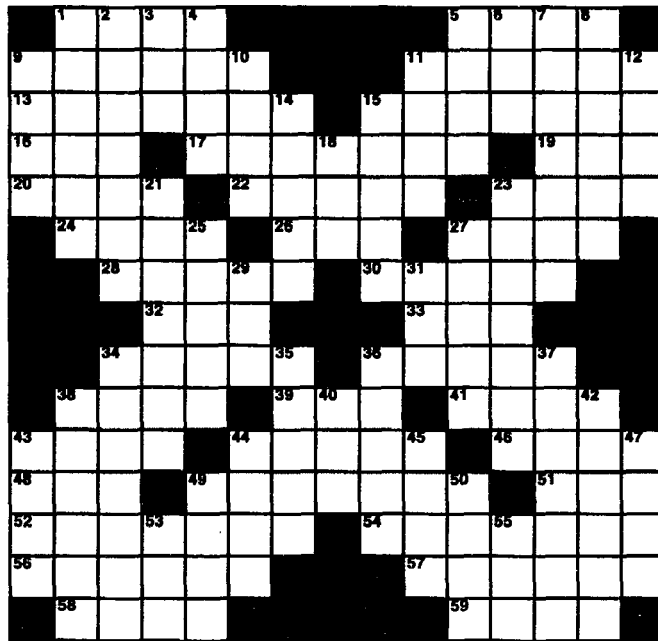
Place tortillas on ungreased baking sheet. Spread one tortilla with one-half of pineapple mixture and sprinkle one-half of coconut mixture over pineapple. Repeat with remaining tortilla. Bake at 375 degrees F for 15 to 18 minutes or until tortillas are crisp. Cut each tortilla into 6 wedges.

Serve warm.



HOME NEEDED - This German Shorthair female is 4 or 5 years old. She's ~~loves~~ loves toys, people and is not hyper. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. A bottle that contains a drug
5. Mated
9. The "C" in CO₂
11. Took a trip on a boat
13. Stimulates
15. Price to get on a bus or trolley
16. Container for storage
17. Summer footwear
19. Used to fry eggs in
20. Six (Spanish)
22. Thomas _____ American patriot
23. Egyptian goddess
24. Insect repellent
26. I.M. _____ architect
27. Soviet city
28. Gulf of, in the Aegean
30. Short-billed rails
32. The common gull of Eurasia and north-eastern N. America
33. Ancient Egyptian king
34. Italian city
36. Infections; aches
38. Herb _____ San Francisco columnist
39. The cry made by sheep
41. Evergreen trees and shrubs having oily, one-seeded fruits
43. Bert _____ Oz lion

44. Pertaining to or containing gold
46. Mass of matter
48. Actress _____ Thurman
49. An eight-sided polygon
51. France; shortened form
52. Denunciations
54. A spirited, graceful and intelligent riding horse native to Arabia
56. Stirs; excites
57. Conical parts
58. Smallest bills
59. Arthur _____ Wimbledon champion

DOWN

1. Made different in some way
2. Literary sarcasms
3. _____ Dhabi, Arabian capital
4. Not a gain
5. Pubs
6. Moroccan coastal region
7. Passes, as in time
8. Cause to run off the tracks
9. Taxis
10. Tide
11. A discount on prices
12. Hideaways
14. Noises made using the friction between two fingers
15. Type genus of the Canidae
18. "Live And Let _____"
21. More disreputable
23. In an angry way
25. Made of wood
27. V. Bolivian city
29. To have something
31. Word element meaning ear
34. Pertaining to a particular large African desert
35. Edges
36. Goatlike antelope of central Eurasia having a stubby, proboscis-like nose
37. Egotistical
38. _____ Wilson
40. Macaws
42. Expose to the circulation of air for purification
43. Stringed instrument
44. Scores on the serve
45. Mine wagon
47. Supernatural force
49. Lyric poems
50. Ancient Japanese religious center
53. Dined
55. School transportation device

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago February 5, 1976

Today marks the beginning of the second half century of Graylings Winter Sports Carnival, the granddaddy of all Michigan's winter festivals. In its 51st year the community of Grayling is being honored by the state as an "Embassy of Michigan Tourism." "Silent Cal" Coolidge was President in 1925 when the first Winter Sports Festival was held in Grayling. It was and is a celebration for the entire community... a chance for folks of all ages to snap out of their winter doldrums for a few days.

Some of the events to take place this year will be: Family potluck dinner/Skiing at Bear Mountain; World's largest and longest coffee break, free coffee to all shoppers, sponsored by merchants to take place all day on Friday; Ice and Snow Sculpture judging; Family Snofari; downhill ski race; Klondike Canoe Race; Cross Country Ski Rally; and a downhill canoe race.

According to "From Our Corner..." Whitey Madsen states that this Winter Festival will be the first year that Grayling will not select a Queen.

Denise Campeau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Campeau of Frederic, won the word contest in Mr. Hatfield's 4th grade class. Denise found 96 other words in the word "Bicentennial" using a 4th grade dictionary.

In Lovells News: The Card Party was well attended with prizes won by Maxine DeBoer, Ann Duby, Jack Spear, Lonnie Stafford and Mrs. Stahl. Doris Roberts and Fred Schaibly will have the party Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale DeBoer and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Stahl and fam-

ily are new residents in Lovells.

The Grayling High School Matmen entered the Benzie Invitational Tournament Saturday and brought home a first place trophy - Their second first place trophy this year in tournament action. Bring home first place medals were 112# Carl Partello, 119# Jeff Schlaack and Heavyweight Don Vollmer. In five tournaments this year, Carl has taken first place in all of them. Jeff won his 101st high school victory in the tournament and was voted most valuable wrestler in the tournament. Don's win over Reed City's heavyweight - decided the championship.

On February 2nd, at the Kiwanis Club meeting, Louie Baur was presented a plaque and a C.B. radio in appreciation of his 47 years of service to Vroom & Son by Ronald Dykstra, representing the company. Vroom & Son is a common carrier for the A&P stores.

Fraser Dean, Superintendent of the Crawford AuSable Schools states that the auditors have completed the audits of school costs in the four county intermediate school district for 1975. Crawford AuSable Schools again spent the lowest amount per pupil with an average cost of \$823.85 per pupil compared to an average per pupil expenditure of \$935.22 for area schools.

46 YEARS AGO February 5, 1953

The Grayling Fire Department was called to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Feldhauser last Friday afternoon when a chimney burned out. The damage was slight.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bear and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Piper returned home last Thursday, the ladies after spending a week in Detroit. Mr.

Bear and Mr. Piper spent the time in New York City where they attended the National Sporting Goods Association Show. While gone, Mr. Bear also appeared on Jack VanCovering's television show, "Woods and Waters" on station WXYZ, Detroit.

Jack McMillan of Grayling Township, George Burke, Grayling, William Miller of Lovells Township, Leo Lovely, County Clerk and Mr. and Mrs. Matt Bidvia, of the Welfare Board attended the Supervisors convention held at the Hotel Olds, Lansing on January 27-28-29.

69 YEARS AGO February 6, 1930

The "Our Gang" club met with Mrs. Charles Corwin last Thursday with 30 present.

Twelve ladies found their places at the attractively arranged table which Mrs. A. J. Joseph had prepared for her bridge club at her home Saturday afternoon.

Next week will be observed as Fathers and Sons week in Grayling.

92 YEARS AGO February 6, 1907

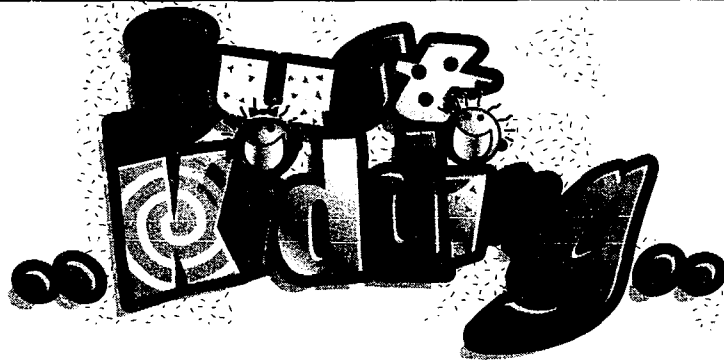
Born February 1 to Mr. and Mrs. M. Laurent, a son.

Mercury was registered at 18 degrees below zero Monday morning.

Mrs. J. J. Collen was the lucky one to draw the centerpiece made by Mrs. Flagg and raffled last week.

Last Saturday the mercury registered at 33 degrees at 10 a.m. and at 7 p.m. It was down to zero, where it remained until morning.

A. B. Failing has gone to Montrose, LA., to look over his proposed situation with the Grayling Lumber Company in that city.



FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



Answer: One and Five



WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Date	H	L	Snow	On Ground
1/27	33	18		16"
1/28	31	22	1/4"	16"
1/29	25	3	1"	16.5"
1/30	34	14		16.5"
1/31	34	3		16"
2/1	38	3		16"
2/2	37	12		16"

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord: Snow is likely on Thursday morning with the high 30 to 40 and the low in the mid 20s to low 30s. Friday will be dry with the high in the low to mid 30s and the low 15 to 25. Chance of snow on Saturday with the high in the low to mid 30s and the low in the low to mid 20s.

CLASSIFIED

Classifieds must be paid for in advance

Display Advertising Rate - \$5.75 per column inch

Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday

Classifieds by the word rate - \$4.00 for 15 words or

less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:

www.townnews.com/avalanche/

Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday



1. Real Estate

MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES
www.century21grayling.com
(1/7/99U/1)

BIG CREEK Fantastic two-story home on 2.15 acres with many fine features, including whirlpool tub and heated workshop. Call Century 21 River County Real Estate at (517) 348-5474. www.century21grayling.com. Listing #4390. (-28-4/1)

NEWLY BUILT Three bedroom, attached garage on five acres two miles from Grayling. \$72,500 (517) 348-4840 (-28-4-11-18/1)

1. Real Estate

FOX RUN Beautiful three bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, brick and cedar-sided home with many extras. Across from Fox Run Country Club. Call Century 21 River County Real Estate at (517) 348-5474. www.century21grayling.com. Listing #4361. (-28-4/1)

2. For Rent

CHARMING FURNISHED HOUSE on the AuSable holy waters. Sleeps four, washer, dryer, dishwasher, disposal. Available by night, week-end, week or month. Call (517) 348-2610 for rates. (12/24/98tf/2)

2. For Rent

MAKE ARBOR COURT APARTMENTS your new home. Large two bedroom apartments. Maximum income level of \$17,040. rent is based on income for two person household. A barrier free unit is also available. Call Michelle at 517-348-6399 for more information. Equal Housing Opportunity. Professionally managed by Kathy Richards, Inc. and financed by Rural Development (021502010) (3/19/98tf/2)

FOR RENT GETAWAY RETREAT Two bedroom Ausable River home, sleeps six. Week or weekend only. 348-7868, leave message. (6/25/98tf/2)

2. For Rent

THREE BEDROOM HOUSE in city of Grayling \$350 per month plus deposit. Call (517) 275-5225. (-4-11/2)

2. For Rent

THREE BEDROOM HOUSE on AuSable River, city, executive home. (517)348-4334/(517) 348-8742 (-4/2)

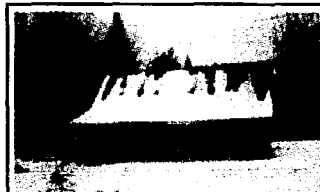
2. For Rent

CABIN FOR RENT on the river. Nightly or weekly. 517-348-8350. (9/9/97U/2)

We're all about Up North!



Residential Recreation Acreage Commercial



72+ ACRES, including large spring-fed pond that feeds Manistee Lake, with 1,400 sq. ft. log cabin will make a great retreat. Too many custom features to list including 24x32 heated pole barn. \$225,000 (KJLJ-1118)



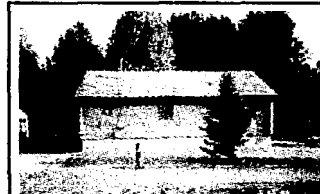
FAMILY HOME on 8.27 acres secluded yet close to town. 4 bedroom, 2.5 baths, custom oak kitchen with separate dining room. Partial basement, beautiful lawn with sprinkler system. 24x28 garage. Lots of wildlife. \$155,000 (LM-1145)



RENTAL PROPERTY located at 304 Chestnut. One three Bedroom unit plus a one bedroom unit. Fenced in back yard. 2 1/2 car heated garage. \$55,000 on a land contract or \$49,000 cash. (JWMW-1208)



NEWLY REMODELED home on a lot 112 x 130. Has 2 bedrooms, new carpet, windows, doors, and vinyl siding. Freshly painted and includes washer & dryer. \$46,900 (DL-1190)



FULL LOG HOME with 210' frontage on AuSable Canal. Block crawl with insulated and lighted cement floor. 24x24 pole barn and 10x10 shed. Beautiful cedar trees cover front yard. Double lot. Kitchen has oak Merlot cabinets. All appliances included. Beautiful view \$112,000 (JW-MV-1136)



CONVENIENT IN TOWN LOCATION. 3 bedroom, 2 baths with skylights. Cathedral ceilings, oak kitchen cabinets and a patio door. Includes stove, refrigerator and dishwasher. Built in 1997. \$70,000 (MC-1045)



M-72 WEST of Grayling is the location of this 3 bedroom home located on 2.3 acres. Close access to Manistee River, state land & snowmobile trails. \$59,900 (DL-1044)



THIS BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM BUILT home is nestled at the base of a hill with oak & maple trees. Features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, carpet, oak and tile floors. 2 car attached garage. Wired for surround sound. Lots of added features. Call for an appointment to see it. \$89,900 (DL-1178)



ATTENTION HUNTERS AND SNOWMOBILERS! 15 acre parcel adjoining state land. Two cabins share a well, no septic, electricity has been updated. Wood and oil heat, one cabin is log construction with knotty pine interior. \$49,900 (BSO/KM-1189)



A VERY CLEAN WELL KEPT 3 bedroom home on a wooded 1 acre lot. Enclosed porch, fireplace and 2 car garage, includes stove and refrigerator. Close to Higgins Lake and state land. \$69,000 (TV-1080)



HANDYMAN SPECIAL. Located just minutes from downtown Grayling. 3 bedroom and garage. Well, septic and natural gas. \$35,000 (DL-1196)



BUY A PIECE OF AMERICAN HISTORY! This New York Central wooded caboose is nearly 100 years old. Caboose sits on tracks with rail road ties on 11.6 acres. Collector may purchase caboose only. Use as your unique cabin. \$42,900 Reduced to 39,900 (LM-1066)

SALES TEAM



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Broker



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Associate Realtor



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Associate Realtors



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Associate Realtor



Laurie Jamison
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& Kevin Jamison
Associate Realtor



Kim McClain
Associate Broker



Diann S. Murphy
Associate Realtor



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Associate Broker



Terry L. Vandecar
Associate Realtor



Steven W. Green
Associate Realtor



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Send Your Message

There's no better way to do that than advertising in the newspaper.

On an average weekday, 78.2 million adults read the newspaper; on an average Sunday, 91 million do.*

People choose to read a newspaper; they set aside time to concentrate on what it says. That means they set aside time for the advertisers, too.

Get your message to your buyers—**advertise in the newspaper!**

AVALANCHE

Radio stations usually play with a basic format—such as country or rock music or all talk—so their audiences are limited to those fans. But newspapers reach both men and women and adults of ages.

NEWSPAPERS

Newspaper ads are favored by 58% of the people compared to 28% of the people who favor radio ads as the place to find the best buys on products they want and need.**

*Source: Nielsen Top 50 Media Reports
**Source: The Nielsen Organization, Dec. '97



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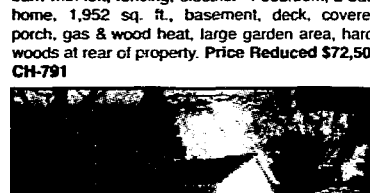
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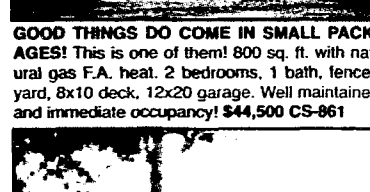
CONVENIENTLY LOCATED, CLOSE TO TOWN. Offers 980 sq. ft., 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, family room with woodstove, living room has a brick fireplace. New pump and drainfield in 1989. Roof replaced in 1990. Natural gas heat. Washer and dryer included. \$39,500 CS-851



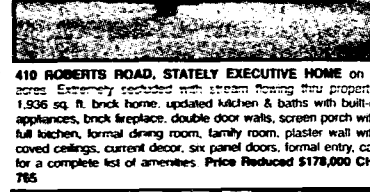
ATTENTION HORSE LOVERS!! 2.5 acres on Beaver Road in Beaver Creek Twp. 26x32 horse barn with loft, fencing, electric. 4 bedroom, 2 bath home, 1,952 sq. ft., basement, deck, covered porch, gas & wood heat, large garden area, hardwoods at rear of property. Price Reduced \$72,500 CH-791



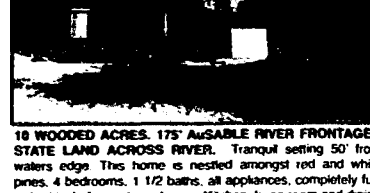
GOOD THINGS DO COME IN SMALL PACKAGES! This is one of them! 800 sq. ft. with natural gas F.A. heat. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, fenced yard, 8x10 deck, 12x20 garage. Well maintained and immediate occupancy! \$44,500 CS-861



410 ROBERTS ROAD, STALEY EXECUTIVE HOME on 9 acres. 5 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, 2 car garage, 1,936 sq. ft. brick home, updated kitchen & baths with built-in appliances, brick fireplace, double door walls, screen porch with full kitchen, formal dining room, family room, plaster wall ceiling with wood beams. New kitchen cabinets and pantry. Brick fireplace with insert. Beautiful view of river from great room! 2 walkout patio doors. Price Reduced \$178,000 CH-785



162 AUSABLE RIVER FRONTAGE. Spectacular view. Completely remodeled home has new carpet, new deck, new roof; 3 years old, screened porch overlooking the river, hot tub, washer and dryer negotiable. Air conditioner. 2 car garage with workshop. 2 bedrooms and 1 bath on 2 1/2 acres on a private wooded setting. \$93,000 CS-884



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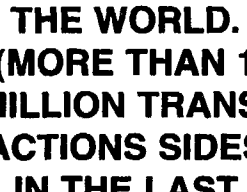
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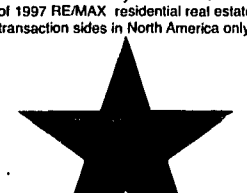
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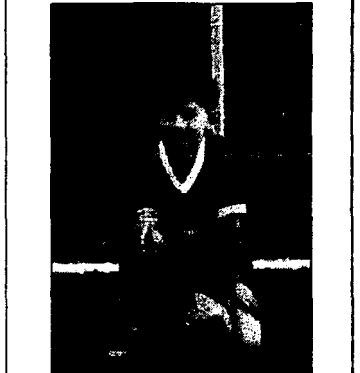
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Your message: 1 col. x 1 - \$6.00

Happy Valentine's Day
Mommy & Daddy

Love-Meghan

30 word message - \$5.50

TO MY SWEETIE ON VALENTINE'S DAY. I hope you have a great day and I love you very much. Amy

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6. Announcements

J. DAP CO. Now has a Yankee Candle Fragrance of the month club. Stop by 118 Michigan Ave., for details. February's Fragrance of the Month is Buttercream!!! (-4-11-18/8)

BEANIE BABY PRINCESS DIANA dinner for two. Algan St. Valentines Raffle. Patties Place. February 13, 1999 at 3 p.m. Retired Senior Volunteer Program. \$1 a ticket. Call (517) 348-4341. (-4-11/8)

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7. Miscellaneous

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The Birthday Boy,
Dave is the Birthday Boy!**



Now look who's the Heman!
Happy 16th Birthday! Feb. 9th
Love, Mom, Dad, Sarah & Bill

8. Announcements

COME EARLY TO SPIKE'S Friday night fish fry. Serving from 4 - 10 p.m. All you can eat just \$6.95. Kids portion also available. (7/30/98tf/8)

D.J. KARAOKE and comedy night with Pete Von Paulus and The Bad Girl's Thursday. February 4, 8-12. Over-Drive will be playing at the Sawmill February 5 and 6. 9-1. (-4/8)

40% OFF STOREWIDE SALE Now through February 13. Framery II, 127 Michigan Ave. (-4/8)

9. Personals

DON'T FORGET TO SEND THE ONE YOU LOVE A VALENTINE in the Crawford County Avalanche Valentine Greeting in the February 11th issue. Call 348-6811

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10. Garage Sales

HEATED GARAGE SALE Couch, antique mantle clock, cedar storage bench, bluebird houses, wood planes, books, old bottles, clothes, etc. 2 1/2 miles East on North Down River Rd., 9-5, Fri., Feb. 5 and Sat., Feb. 6. (-4/10)

11. Automotive

1991 FOUR DOOR OLDSMOBILE Cutlass At 305 Chestnut St., Grayling. (517) 344-1105 day. (517) 348-7392 evening. (-4-11-18-25/11)

1978 JEEP J-10 Pick-up. 4x4 with plow. Will sell separately. \$900 each. Call (517) 348-9473 or after 8 p.m. call (517) 348-5946. (-28-4/11)

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10. Garage Sales

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Nice subdivision close to town. Has gazebo in the large garden. Natural habitat, green house and plenty of plants and shrubs for the horticulturist in you. #4335 \$46,900 Ask for Jim Wiltse!




211 Berry Patch Circle. A 1996 Modular Ranch situated on 1.33 acres. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home offers a whirlpool tub in the master bath, 3 skylights, vinyl siding and windows and much, much more. #4367 \$64,900 Ask for Randall Hartley!




Cozy recreational/retirement home on a very nice wooded 1 1/4 acres; great kitchen with oak cabinets, lots of counter space, a stunning brick fireplace with insert. State land across the road and within walking distance to Bear & Cub Lakes. #4396 \$79,900 Ask for Debbie Bondart!



Renovated 3 bedroom, 2 bath- room home has a private dressing room, library, hardwood floors, full basement, 24x36 barn and an attached garage! Harrison area. #4165 \$79,900 Ask for Jim Wiltse!




Great starter or retirement home!! Great location within minutes of schools, churches, shopping and hospital. New carpeting in living room, vinyl flooring in kitchen and hallway. New furnace and water heater in 1997. #4383 \$64,500 Ask for Randall Hartley!




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